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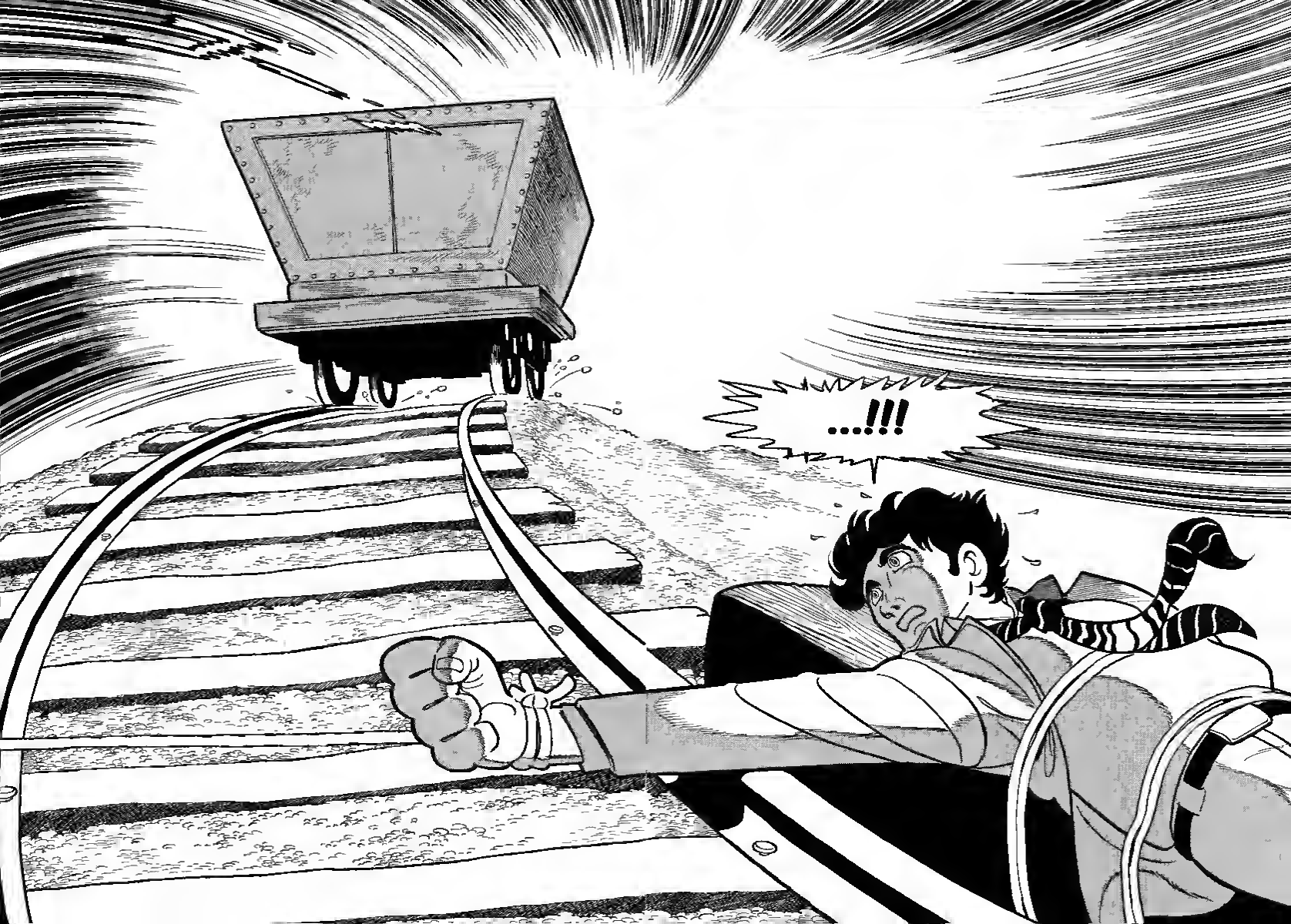
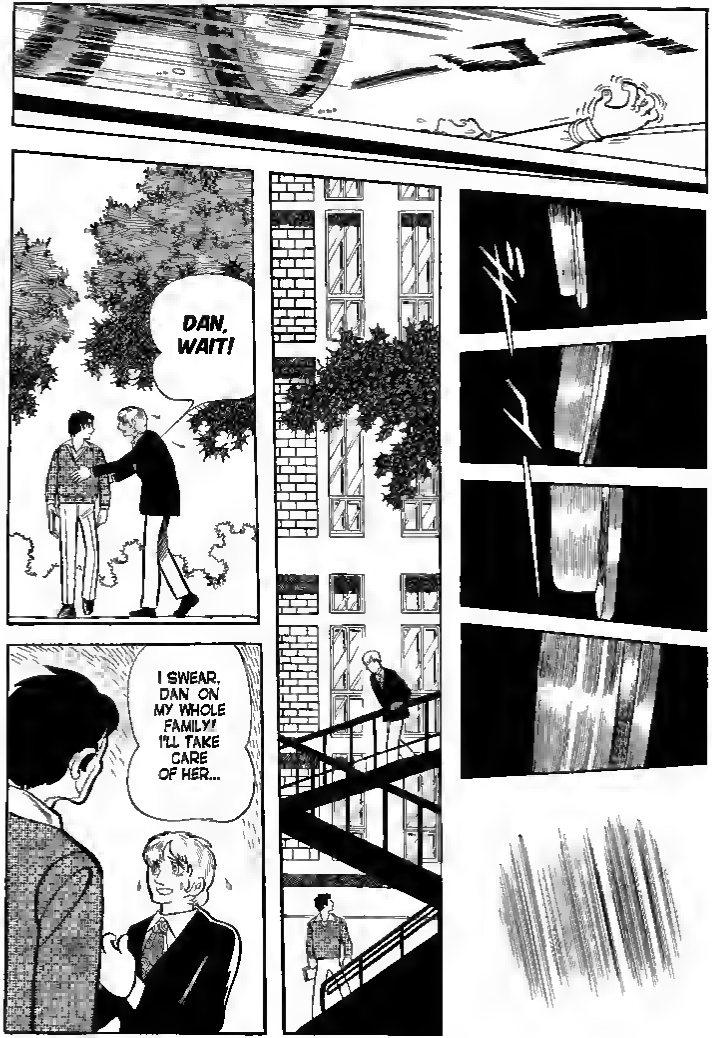
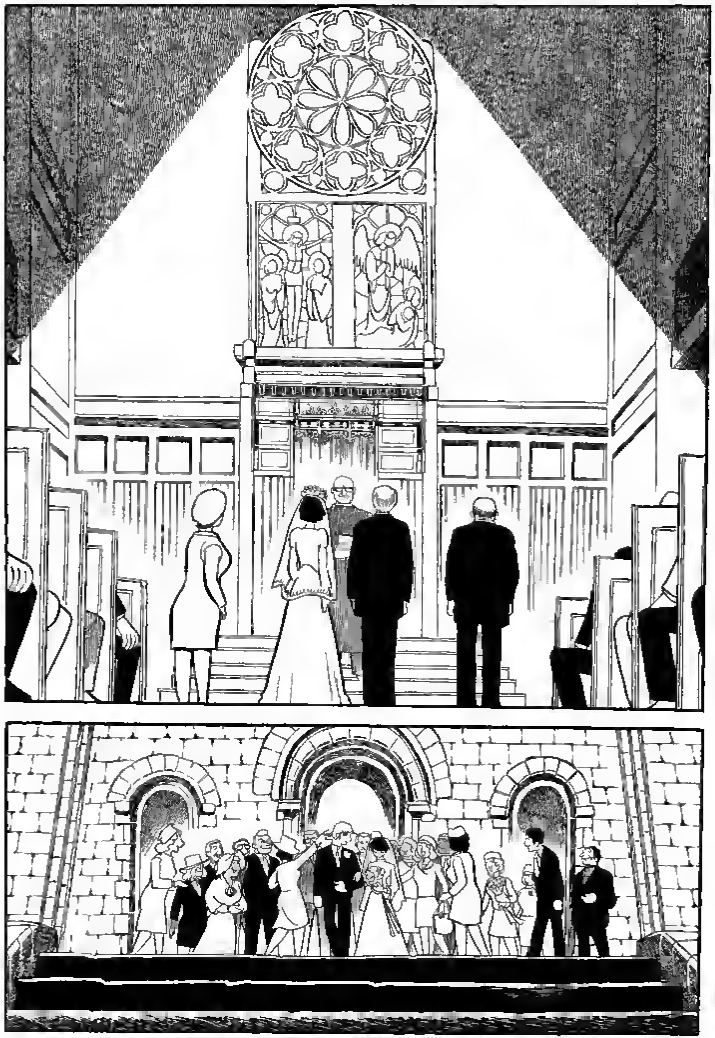
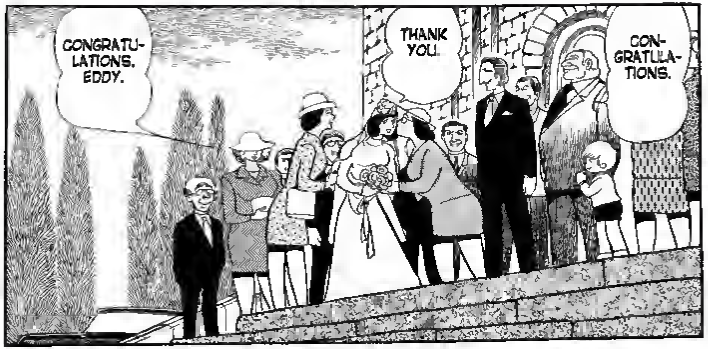



DAN, WAIT!
I SWEAR, DAN ON MY WHOLE FAMILY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER...

DON'T THINK THEY'LL THROW A FIT OVER ONE JAPANESE GIRL.
AFTER THEY'VE SENT ME ALL THE WAY HERE TO LEARN ABOUT JAPAN?!
EDDY... I JUST DON'T KNOW IF YOUR FAMILY WOULD ACCEPT ARISA.
PLEASE, DAN. I LOVE YOUR SISTER I REALLY DO.
HONESTLY, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR MY FAMILY TO OPEN THEIR MINDS A BIT.
M! DISPIACE. ! YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
WELL I HOPE ARISA IS MORE THAN JUST ONE JAPANESE GIRL...
YOU DID IT!
BRAVO!!! ARISA!!
I.. WELL I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR HER, BUT ..
AND WHAT ABOUT HER?
IF YOU LOVE HER AND SHE LOVES YOU.. I DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTION

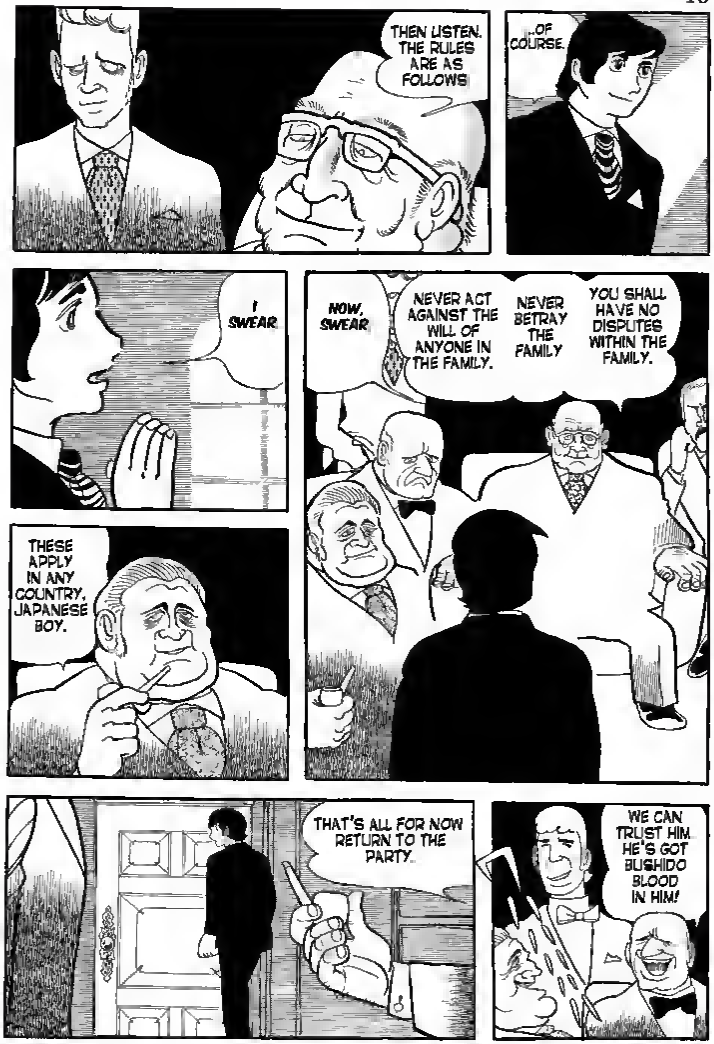


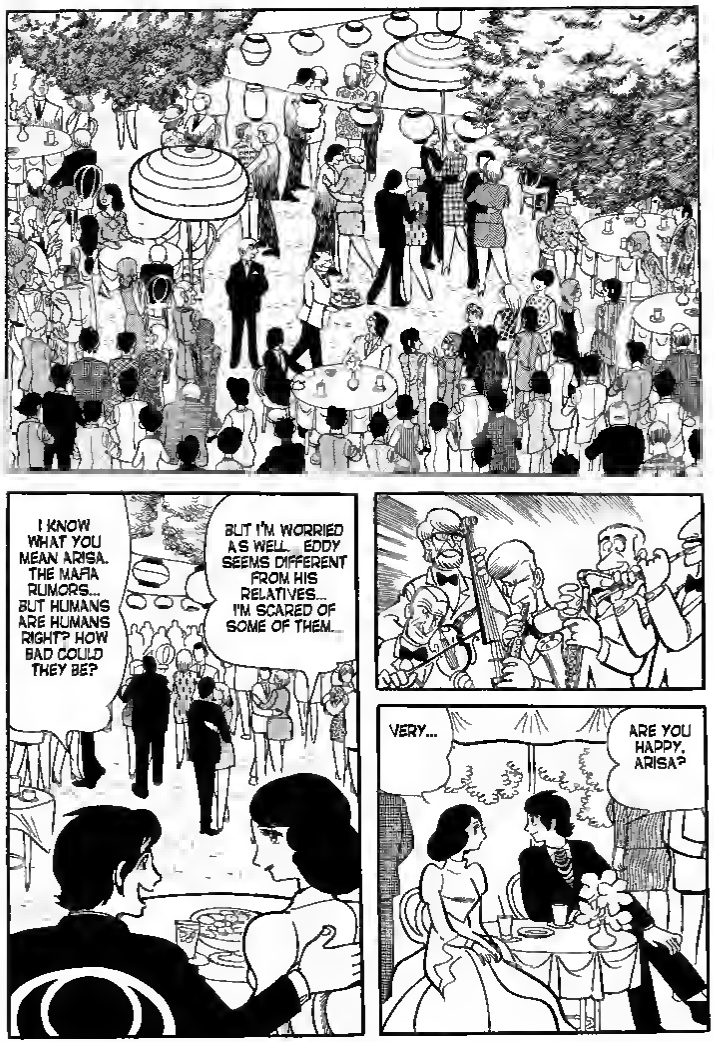

CONGRATULATIONS, EDDY.
THANK YOU.
CONGRATULATIONS.

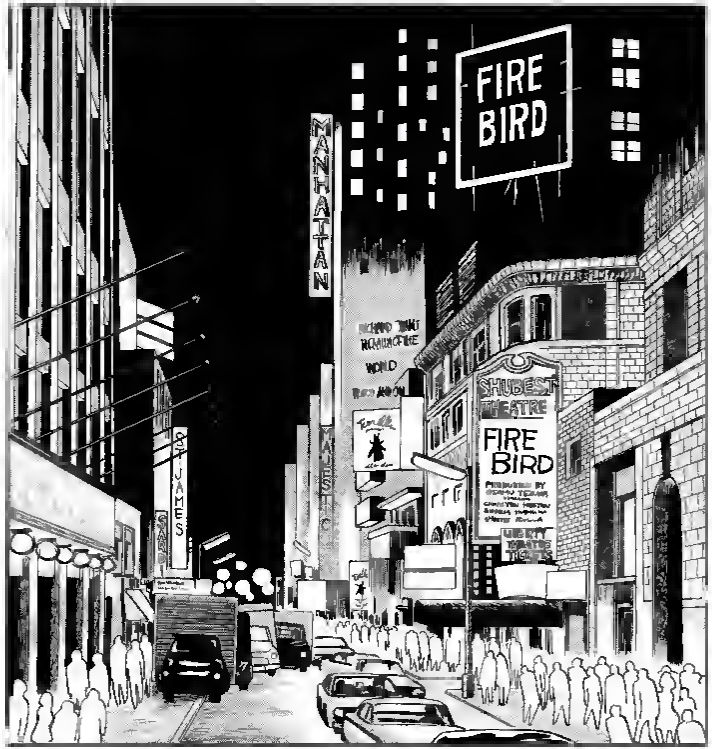
DON'T WORRY DAN I FULLY INTEND TO!
TAKE CARE OF HER, OK?

MAY YOU TWO BE HAPPY, DEAR...

BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE OFFICIALLY ONE OF US, YOU'LL HAVE TO SWEAR TO OUR CODE.
WE STILL HAVE OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT ACCEPTING A JAPANESE INTO THE FAMILY.
DAN... AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE TIES OF THE ALBANI FAMILY ARE VERY STRONG...


THEN LISTEN. THE RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS
...OF COURSE.
I SWEAR
NOW, SWEAR
NEVER ACT AGAINST THE WILL OF ANYONE IN THE FAMILY.
NEVER BETRAY THE FAMILY
YOU SHALL HAVE NO DISPUTES WITHIN THE FAMILY.
THESE APPLY IN ANY COUNTRY, JAPANESE BOY.
THAT'S ALL FOR NOW RETURN TO THE PARTY.
WE CAN TRUST HIM. HE'S GOT BUSHIDO BLOOD IN HIM!


I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN ARISA. THE MAFIA RUMORS... BUT HUMANS ARE HUMANS RIGHT? HOW BAD COULD THEY BE?
BUT I'M WORRIED AS WELL. EDDY SEEMS DIFFERENT FROM HIS RELATIVES... I'M SCARED OF SOME OF THEM...
VERY...
ARE YOU HAPPY, ARISA?


FIRE BIRD
MANHATTAN
SHUBERT THEATRE
FIRE BIRD
ST. JAMES

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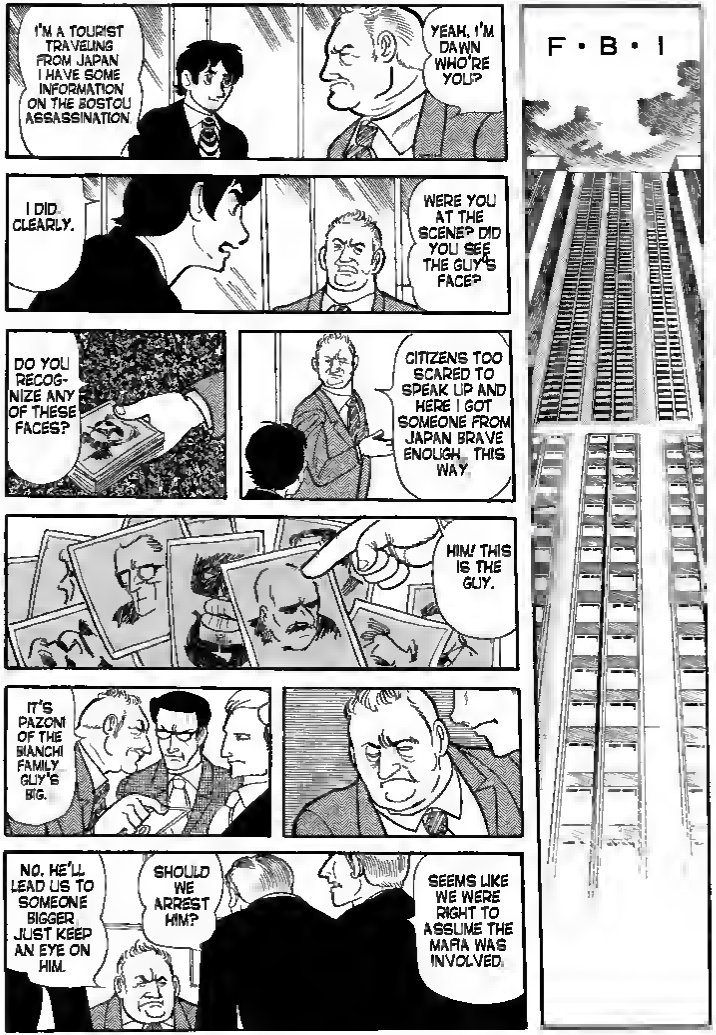
... I HAD HEARD NEW YORK IS DANGEROUS BUT I JUST GOT HERE AND ALREADY...!

THERE MUST'VE BEEN 40-50 OF YOU AT THE SCENE.
SNACK
ALRIGHT, WHO SAW IT GO DOWN?
ANYONE WHO CARES ABOUT JUSTICE, STOP BY MY OFFICE AT THE FBI.
IS THAT WHAT THIS COUNTRY'S COME TO?
TOO SCARED TO TALK?
FRED BOSTOU, 51, WAS ASSASSINATED MIDDAY TODAY IN THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT. BOSTOU WAS TO BE A CANDIDATE IN THE UPCOMING MAYORIAL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH. POLICE SUSPECT RIGHT-WING CONSPIRATORS TO BE INVOLVED IN...


I'M A TOURIST TRAVELING FROM JAPAN I HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON THE BOSTOU ASSASSINATION.
YEAH, I'M DAWN WHO'RE YOU?
I DID. CLEARLY.
WERE YOU AT THE SCENE? DID YOU SEE THE GUY'S FACE?
DO YOU RECOG-NIZE ANY OF THESE FACES?
CITIZENS TOO SCARED TO SPEAK UP AND HERE I GOT SOMEONE FROM JAPAN BRAVE ENOUGH. THIS WAY.
HIM! THIS IS THE GUY.
IT'S PAZONI OF THE BIANCHI FAMILY. GUY'S BIG.
NO. HE'LL LEAD US TO SOMEONE BIGGER. JUST KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
SHOULD WE ARREST HIM?
SEEMS LIKE WE WERE RIGHT TO ASSUME THE MAFIA WAS INVOLVED.
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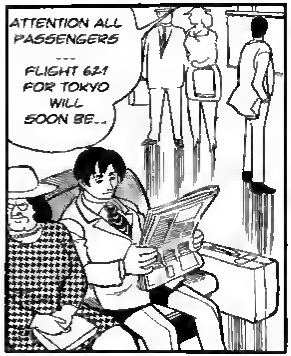
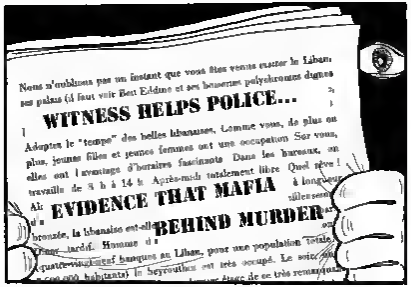
YEAH.
THAT HIM ?

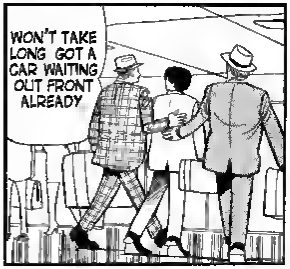
GOOD WORK, KID

WHO SOLD ME OUT?! I'LL KILL HIM!

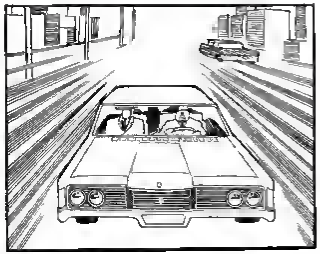

ATTENTION ALL PASSENGERS

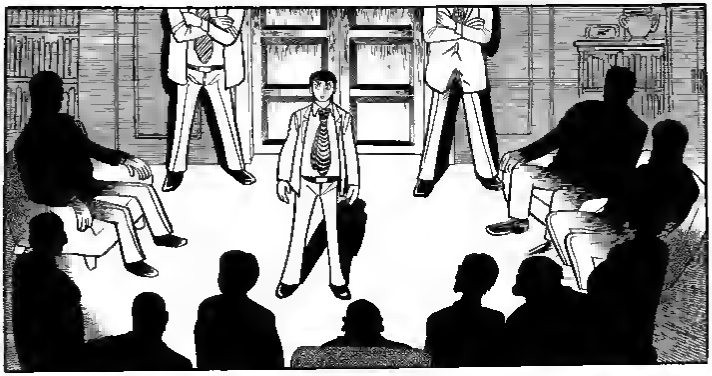
FLIGHT 621 FOR TOKYO WILL SOON BE..

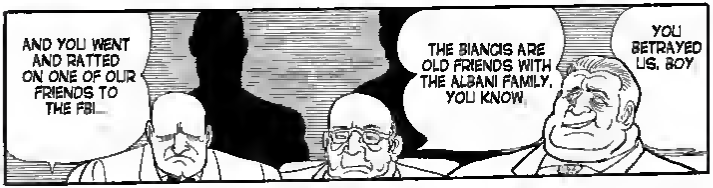

WITNESS HELPS POLICE...
EVIDENCE THAT MAFIA
BEHIND MURDER


WON'T TAKE LONG. GOT A CAR WAITING OUT FRONT ALREADY

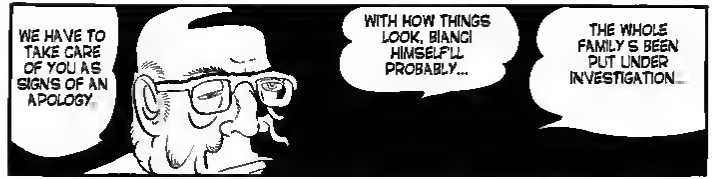
BUT... MY FLIGHT ...!
EDDY SAYS HE NEEDS TO SPEAK WIT YA.
DAN.

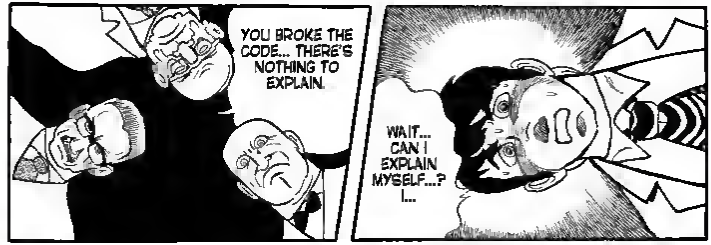





AND YOU WENT AND RATTED ON ONE OF OUR FRIENDS TO THE FBI...
THE BIANCIS ARE OLD FRIENDS WITH THE ALBANI FAMILY, YOU KNOW.
YOU BETRAYED US, BOY

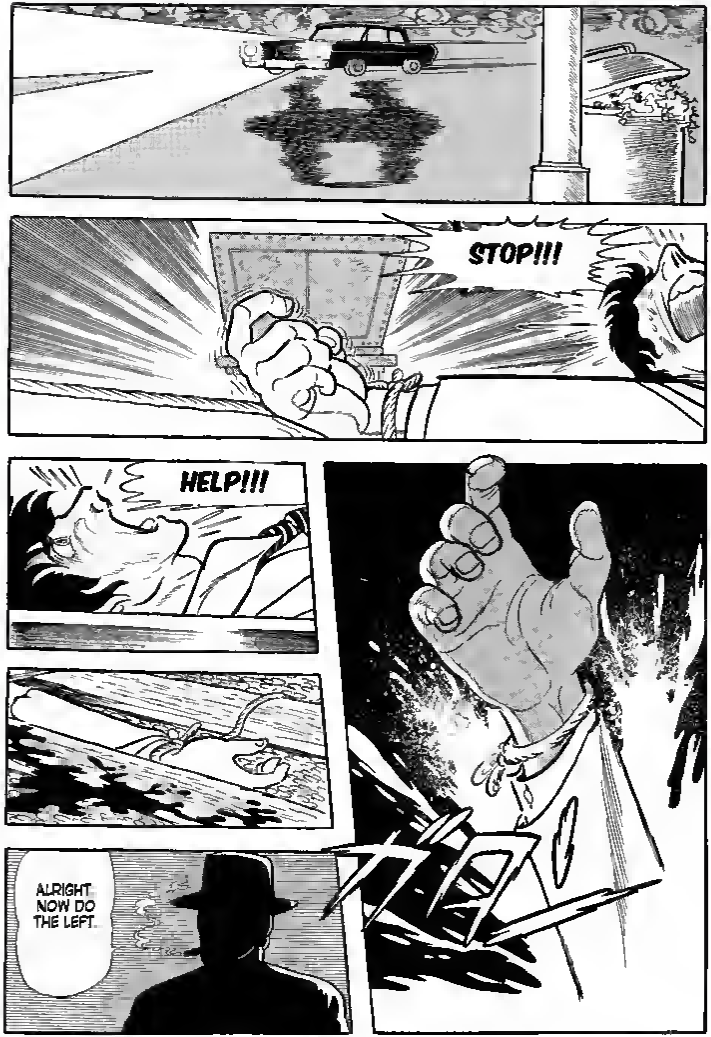
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET BY ON "DIDN'T KNOW"...?
I JUST THOUGHT I SHOULD SAY SOMETHING I WAS JUST TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING!
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW!!

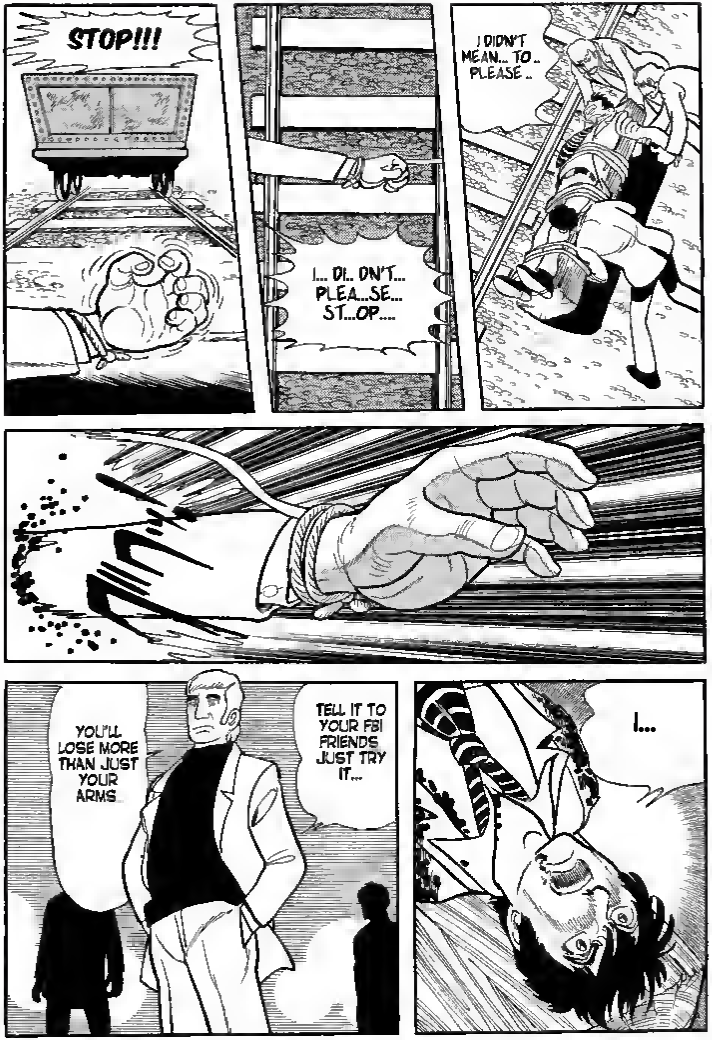

WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AS SIGNS OF AN APOLOGY.
WITH HOW THINGS LOOK, BIANCI HIMSELF'LL PROBABLY...
THE WHOLE FAMILY'S BEEN PUT UNDER INVESTIGATION...


YOU BROKE THE CODE... THERE'S NOTHING TO EXPLAIN.
WAIT... CAN I EXPLAIN MYSELF...? I...

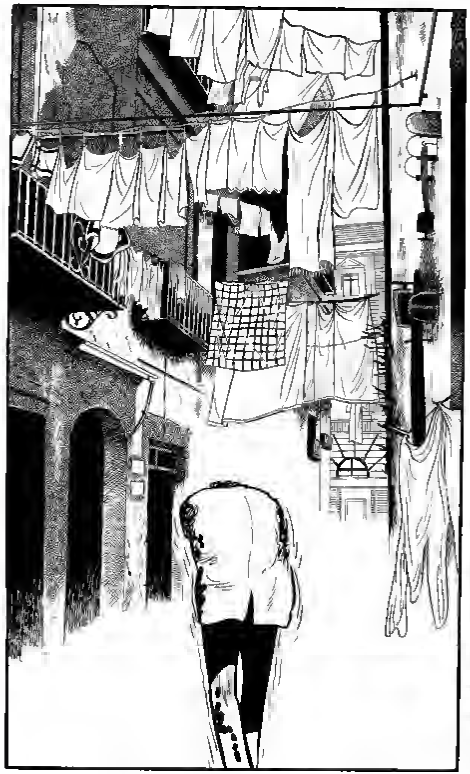
EDDY...!

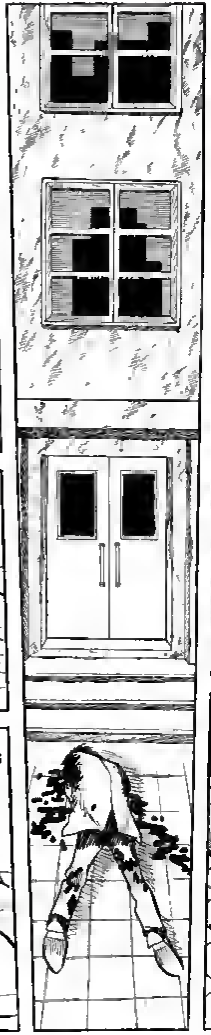
EDDY...
EDDY... YOU'LL HELP ME, RIGHT...? IT WAS JUST A MISTAKE.
TAKE HIM AWAY.
IS THIS WHAT OUR FRIENDSHIP MEANT..?
EDDY... YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TRY TO PROTECT ME?


STOP!!!
HELP!!!
ALRIGHT, NOW DO THE LEFT..


STOP!!!
I... DI.. DN'T... PLEA...SE... ST...OP....
I DIDN'T MEAN... TO.. PLEASE..
YOU'LL LOSE MORE THAN JUST YOUR ARMS..
TELL IT TO YOUR FBI FRIENDS. JUST TRY IT...
I...

YOU'D BE SMART IF YOU NEVER SHOWED US THAT MUG OF YOURS AGAIN.
MIGHT LOSE YOUR LIFE... OR YOUR SISTER'S, AS WELL...





UGH...

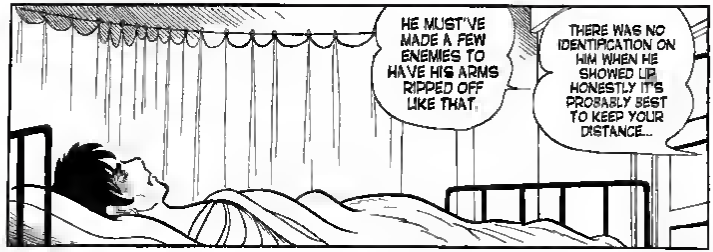
AGH ....

UGH...

HOW'S THE BOY DOING?

DON'T KNOW IF HE'S CHINESE, JAPANESE...
HE'S SHOWING SIGNS OF IMPROVING, BUT HE WON'T SAY A WORD

AGGHH...HH... U...GG... HHHH...


HE MUST'VE MADE A FEW ENEMIES TO HAVE HIS ARMS RIPPED OFF LIKE THAT.
THERE WAS NO IDENTIFICATION ON HIM WHEN HE SHOWED UP. HONESTLY IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE...

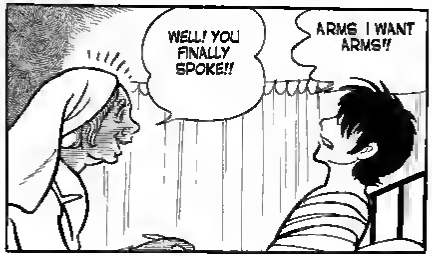
YOU'RE A SURVIVOR.

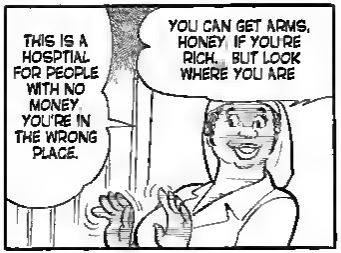
WHAT IS IT? DID YOU LOSE YOUR MEMORY?
...YOU EVER GONNA TALK?

LUNCH-TIME.

OPEN UP NOW.

I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND THAT KEPT YOU ALIVE.
MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T LIVE AFTER LOSING ALL THAT BLOOD...


WELL! YOU FINALLY SPOKE!!
ARMS I WANT ARMS!!

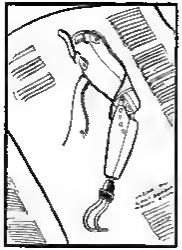

THIS IS A HOSPTIAL FOR PEOPLE WITH NO MONEY. YOU'RE IN THE WRONG PLACE.
YOU CAN GET ARMS, HONEY. IF YOU'RE RICH. BUT LOOK WHERE YOU ARE

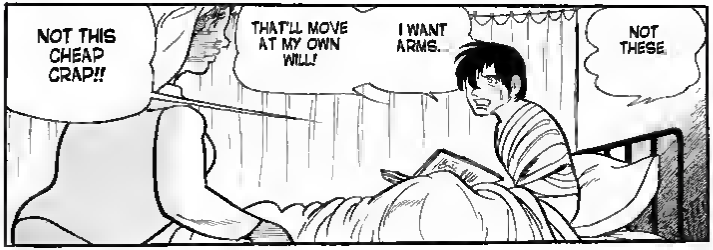
I NEED ARMS AGAIN! GIVE ME ARMS!!
PROSTHETIC, I DON'T CARE!!

THE CHEAPEST ARMS COST 500 DOLLARS.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET ANY?

I JUST NEED MONEY THEN, RIGHT?
MONEY

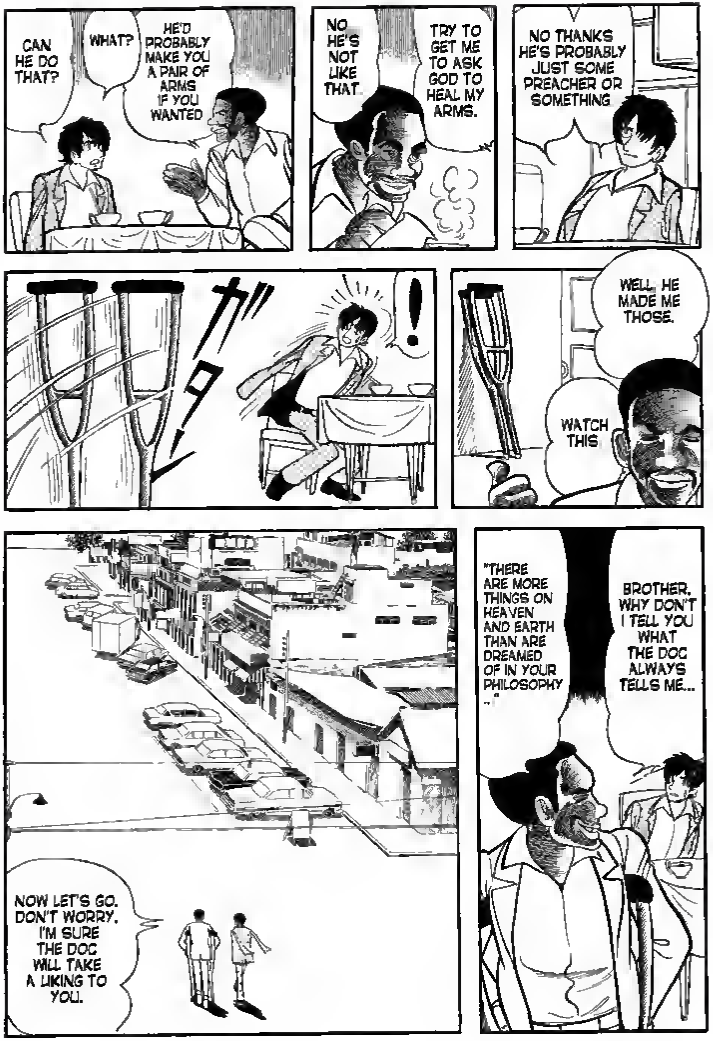



NOT THIS CHEAP CRAP!!
THAT'LL MOVE AT MY OWN WILL!
I WANT ARMS...
NOT THESE.

NO THEY EXIST. I'LL FIND THEM.
CERTAINLY NOT IN A HOSPITAL LIKE HERE.
THOSE KIND OF ARMS DON'T EXIST.
DID YOU FORGET YOUR ARMS SOMEWHERE, BUDDY?
LOOK AT THIS COOL GUY WALKING BY

HEY, DO YOU WANT TO PLAY CATCH?
BOSS!
I DON'T KNOW. I DIDN'T WRITE IT.
THIS IS PRETTY FUN!

MAN, THIS GUY SUCKS!
SORRY BROTHER. I'LL MAKE THEM APOLOGIZE LATER.
STUPID KIDS!
WHY DON'T YOU REST AT MY PLACE FOR AWHILE?
I THINK HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU OUT TOO.
BUT THANKS TO THE DOC, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET A JOB AT THE PRINTING COMPANY HERE. I'M DOING PRETTY WELL.
I WAS PRETTY DOWN FOR A LONG TIME. SUICIDAL EVEN
THEY GAVE ME A MEDAL... BUT I KINDA WISH I HAD MY LEGS MORE, YOU KNOW?
AS YOU CAN SEE, I LOST MY LEGS IN VIETNAM.


CAN HE DO THAT?
WHAT?
HE'D PROBABLY MAKE YOU A PAIR OF ARMS IF YOU WANTED
NO HE'S NOT LIKE THAT.
TRY TO GET ME TO ASK GOD TO HEAL MY ARMS.
NO THANKS HE'S PROBABLY JUST SOME PREACHER OR SOMETHING
WELL, HE MADE ME THOSE.
WATCH THIS
BROTHER, WHY DON'T I TELL YOU WHAT THE DOC ALWAYS TELLS ME...
"THERE ARE MORE THINGS ON HEAVEN AND EARTH THAN ARE DREAMED OF IN YOUR PHILOSOPHY..."
NOW LET'S GO. DON'T WORRY, I'M SURE THE DOC WILL TAKE A LIKING TO YOU.

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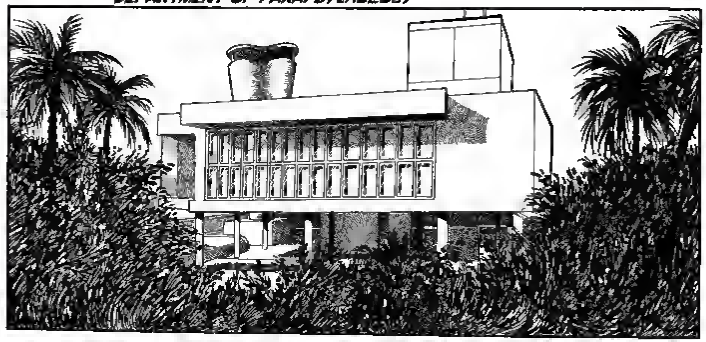

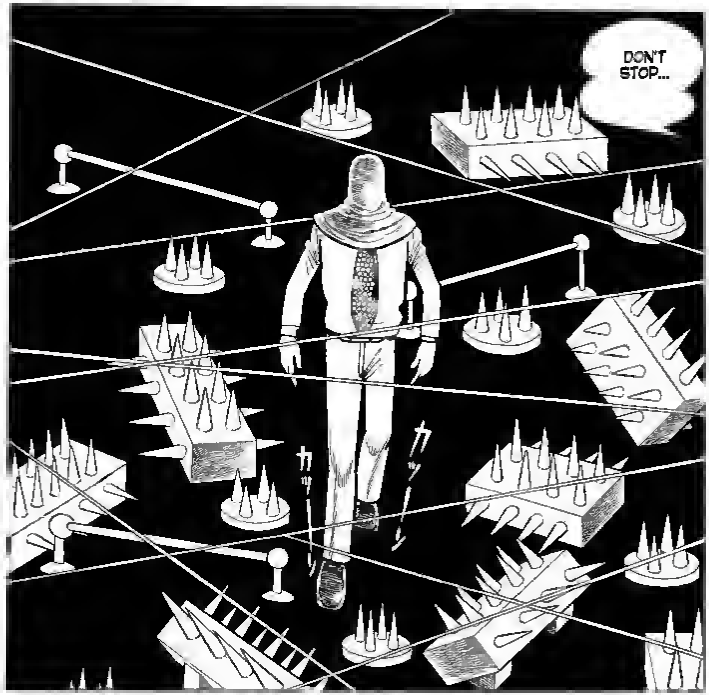

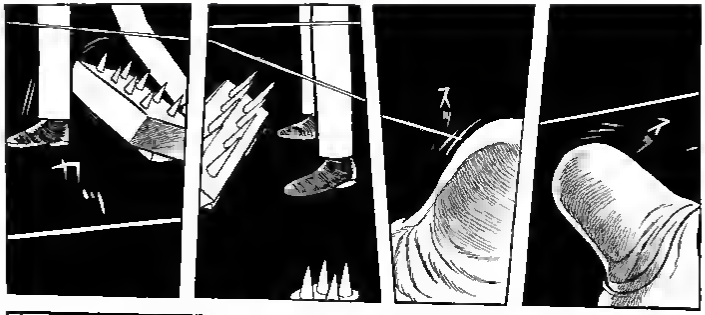

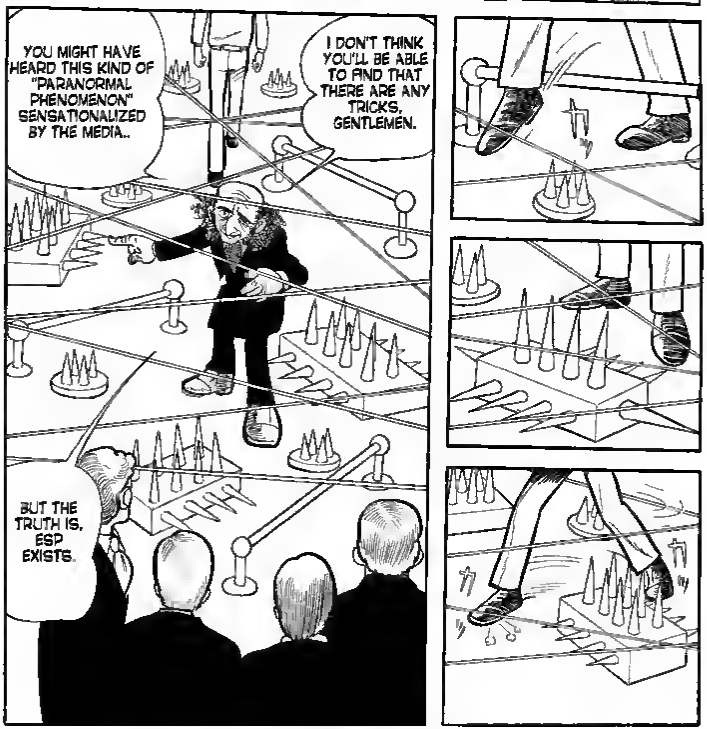
YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD THIS KIND OF "PARANORMAL PHENOMENON" SENSATIONALIZED BY THE MEDIA..
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THAT THERE ARE ANY TRICKS, GENTLEMEN.
BUT THE TRUTH IS, ESP EXISTS.
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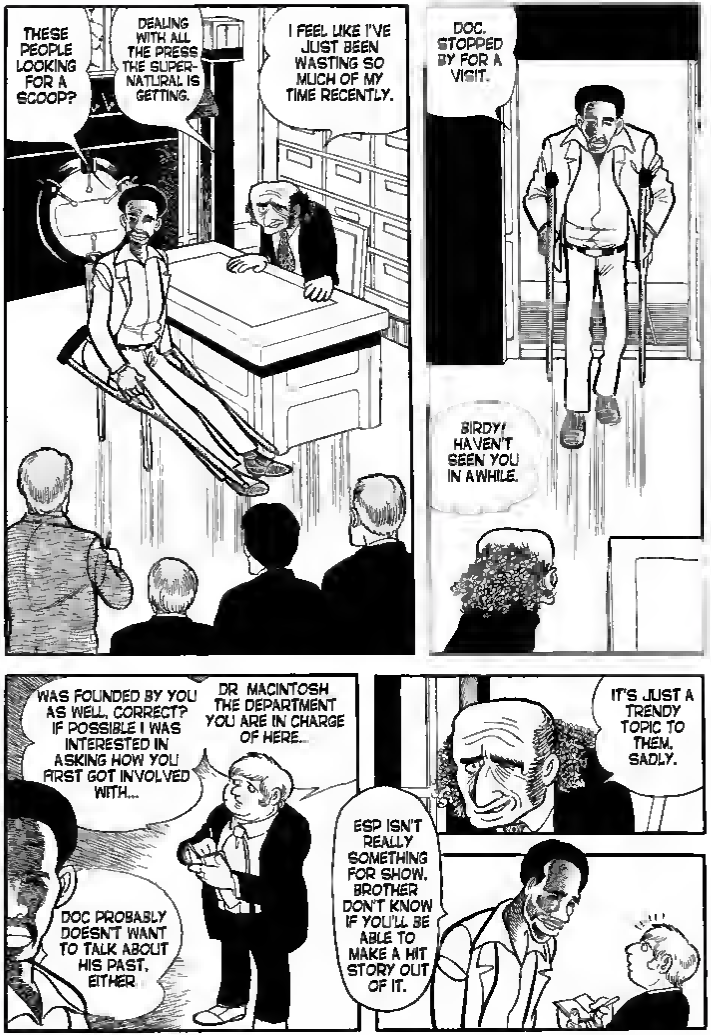
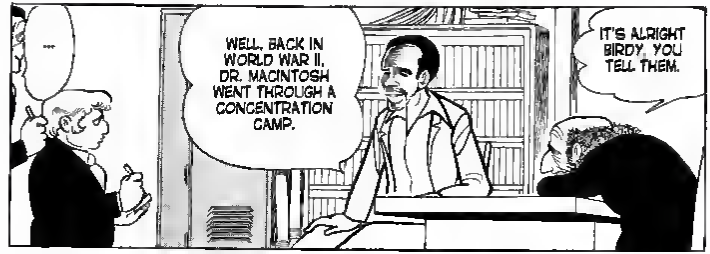
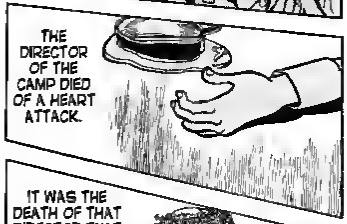
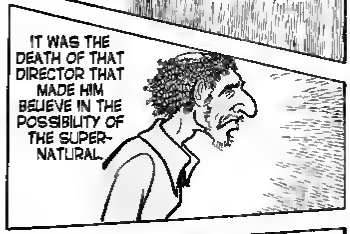
THOSE PULSES ACT AS RADAR TO INFORM THE BAT OF WHERE EVERYTHING ELSE IS IN THE ROOM
PUT A BAT IN A DARK ROOM. THE REASON IT DOESN'T EVER COLLIDE WITH THE OBJECTS SURROUNDING IT IS BECAUSE IT SENDS OUT THESE KINDS OF PULSES...
IT'S AN OLD WORD THAT ORIGINALLY MEANT "THE LIGHT OF GHOSTS"...
WELL, NO. NOT REALLY.
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE CONCEPT OF "AURA"...?
PEOPLE WHO CAN USE ESP ARE ACTUALLY JUST ABLE TO MANIPULATE THEIR OWN AURA.
THE SHAPE AND COLOR OF AURA VARIES FROM PERSON TO PERSON AS WELL. SOME SCHOLARS SAY THAT AURA IS A KIND OF ELECTRO-MAGNETIC WAVE..
HUMANS, OTHER ANIMALS, EVEN PLANTS EACH HAVE THEIR OWN PARTICULAR AURA...
SO THAT'S HOW URI GELLAR DOES IT?*
*CELEBRITY "MYSTIFIER"
NO. HE... WELL...

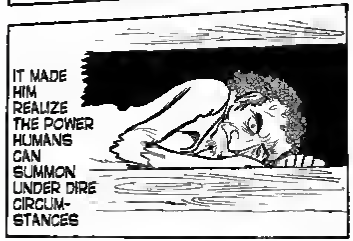

THESE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A SCOOP?
DEALING WITH ALL THE PRESS THE SUPER-NATURAL IS GETTING.
I FEEL LIKE I'VE JUST BEEN WASTING SO MUCH OF MY TIME RECENTLY.
DOC. STOPPED BY FOR A VISIT.
BIRDY! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE.
WAS FOUNDED BY YOU AS WELL, CORRECT? IF POSSIBLE I WAS INTERESTED IN ASKING HOW YOU FIRST GOT INVOLVED WITH...
DR MACINTOSH THE DEPARTMENT YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF HERE...
DOC PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT HIS PAST, EITHER
IT'S JUST A TRENDY TOPIC TO THEM. SADLY.
ESP ISN'T REALLY SOMETHING FOR SHOW, BROTHER DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A HIT STORY OUT OF IT.


...
WELL, BACK IN WORLD WAR II, DR. MACINTOSH WENT THROUGH A CONCENTRATION CAMP.
IT'S ALRIGHT BIRDY, YOU TELL THEM.

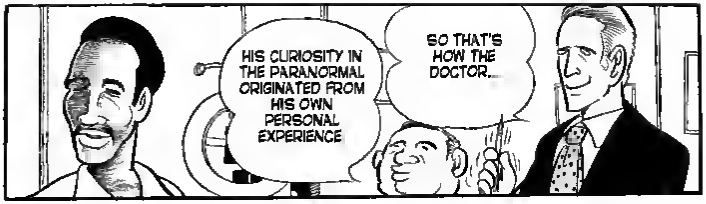
THEN ONE DAY...


THE DIRECTOR OF THE CAMP DIED OF A HEART ATTACK.


IT WAS THE DEATH OF THAT DIRECTOR THAT MADE HIM BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SUPER-NATURAL.


IT MADE HIM REALIZE THE POWER HUMANS CAN SUMMON UNDER DIRE CIRCUM-STANCES

CONSTANTLY TORTURED AND UNDERFED, IT WASN'T A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL HE FELT HE WAS ON THE BRINK OF DEATH
HE HATED THE NAZIS WITH HIS ENTIRE BEING WITHOUT MUCH ELSE TO DO, HE SPENT HIS DAYS CURSING THEM, WISHING THEM DEAD, OVER AND OVER.


HIS CURIOSITY IN THE PARANORMAL ORIGINATED FROM HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
SO THAT'S HOW THE DOCTOR...

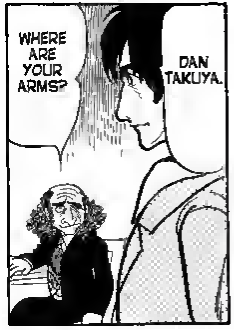
I BROUGHT A FRIEND.
DOC, I ALMOST FORGOT

SOME BAD GUYS CAME ALONG AND RIPPED HIS ARMS OFF, DOC...

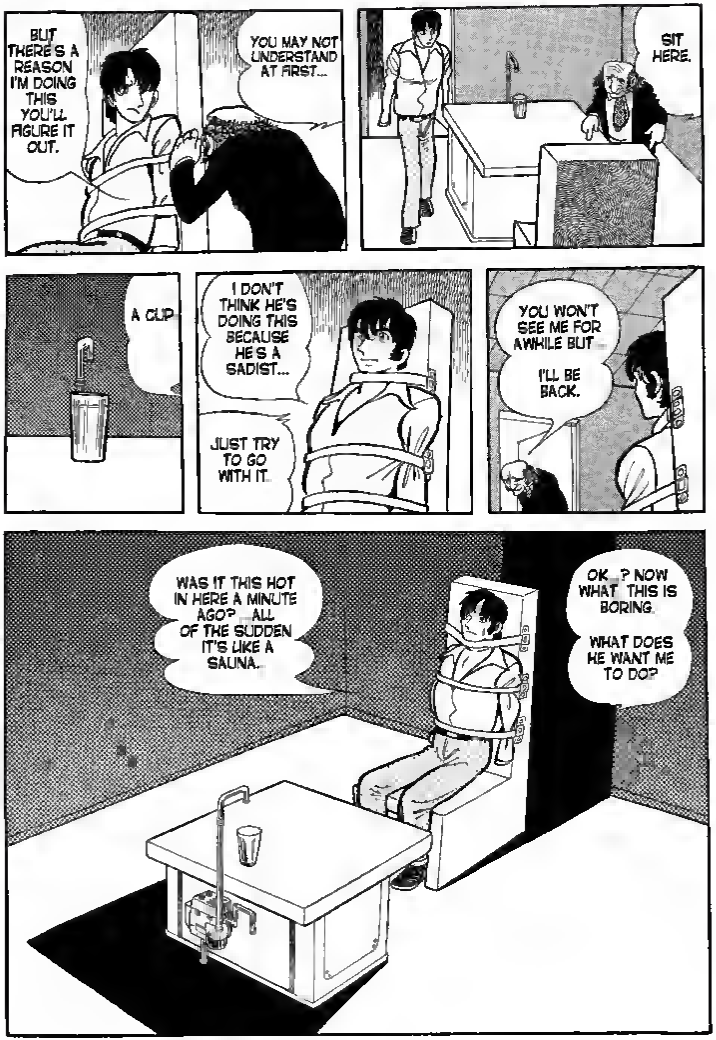
HMM... I SEE...

SOME THAT MOVE EXACTLY AS I WILL THEM TO.
THAT'S WHAT I CAME HERE FOR! I NEED SOME.
I TOLD THAT TO BIRDY AND HE BROUGHT ME HERE.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
HMP


WHERE ARE YOUR ARMS?
DAN TAKUYA.

I WANT ARMS LIKE BIRDY'S CRUTCHES. I SAW HOW THEY...
SO...
JEEZ... WHAT A WEIRDO.
I NEED TO HAVE A TALK WITH THIS BOY.
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, GENTLEMEN.
THERE MUST BE SOME KIND OF REMOTE CONTROL, OR...
BUT I SAW THEM MOVE!
THOSE ARE JUST STICKS, BOY. NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER CRUTCHES.
YOU SEEM TO BE IN A RUSH, BOY...
THEN CAN I GET SOME ARMS ALREADY?!
FINE. ESP? SURE. LOVE TO.
ESP, BROTHER. JUST HAVE THE DOC TEACH YOU.
NO MONEY... YOU'LL LIVE HERE FOR ONE YEAR, FOLLOWING WITH MY RESEARCH.
HOW MUCH?
IT WON'T BE EASY... CAN YOU HANDLE IT?
BUT... AT A PRICE.
YOU WANT ARMS? I'LL MAKE YOU SOME.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY WHY.
I LIKE YOU.


BUT THERE'S A REASON I'M DOING THIS. YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT.
YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND AT FIRST...
SIT HERE.
A CUP.
I DON'T THINK HE'S DOING THIS BECAUSE HE'S A SADIST...
JUST TRY TO GO WITH IT.
YOU WON'T SEE ME FOR AWHILE BUT...
I'LL BE BACK.
WAS IT THIS HOT IN HERE A MINUTE AGO?...ALL OF THE SUDDEN IT'S LIKE A SAUNA.
OK...? NOW WHAT. THIS IS BORING.
WHAT DOES HE WANT ME TO DO?

I NEED WATER!
I'M THIRSTY ...!
HOW LONG IS HE GOING TO MAKE ME SIT HERE..?!
MAYBE HE IS A SADIST AFTER ALL...! IT'S TOO HOT IN HERE I'M GOING TO SHRIVEL UP
WATER... I NEED WATER!
LET ME DRINK!!
IT'S SO HOT THE WATER'S EVAPORATING... THE GLASS IS GOING TO DRY UP!
IT'S RIGHT THERE... SOMEBODY, GIVE IT TO ME!!

I NEED WATER !!!
WATER !!!
COME ON...
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?
THE MAD DOCTOR WILL GIVE YOU A DRINK
WHAT AM I DOING HERE...? THIS GUY IS INSANE...
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY

"IT IS THE CUSTOMARY FATE OF NEW TRUTHS TO BEGIN AS HERESIES AND TO END AS SUPER-STITIONS."
HUXLEY ONCE SAID...
I'VE GOT SOME HARSH WORDS RESERVED FOR YOU WHEN MY THROAT'S BETTER.
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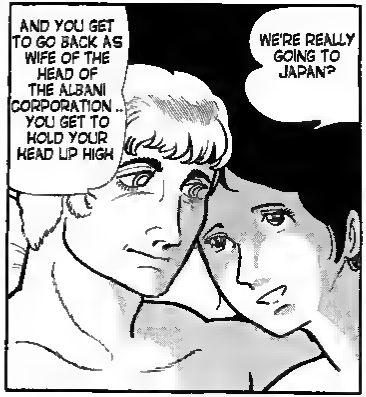
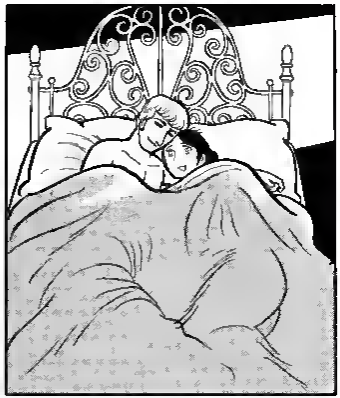
QUOTE AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU LIKE... YOU'RE STILL INSANE.
THE CLOSER YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF TO THE TRUTH.
THE MORE YOU STRUGGLE..
I THOUGHT HE WAS A WEIRD GUY WHEN I FIRST MET HIM TDO.
WHO WOULD SUFFER THROUGH THIS IF IT DIDN'T?
BUT I WENT ALONG WITH HIM, AND, IT WORKED.

DON'T WORRY. A YEAR'LL BE OVER IN NO TIME.
YOU'VE HEARD OF THEM?
ALBANI CORPORATION ..MAFIA HAS SOME FANCY NAMES.
ALBANI CORPORATION TO BRING HEADQUARTERS TO JAPAN...?!
アルバーニ商
日本へ進出
NEW MERGER WITH MORETTI COMPANY, UNDER DIRECTION OF CHAIRMAN EDWARD ALBANI...!!
THEY'VE GROWN OUT OF THE PETTY STUFF. BIG BUSINESS NOW.
THEY'RE A PRETTY WELL-KNOWN MAFIA FAMILY
... DO YOU CARE?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT EDWARD'S DONE TO ME?
ARISA
NOTHING .. NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG, BROTHER?
EVER HEARD OF EDWARD ALBANI ..?
SON OF THE GREAT ALBANI, RIGHT?


AND YOU GET TO GO BACK AS WIFE OF THE HEAD OF THE ALBANI CORPORATION.. YOU GET TO HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH
WE'RE REALLY GOING TO JAPAN?



NO, JUST... I FEEL BAD FOR YOU. WHAT A CRUEL GUY.
...WHAT?

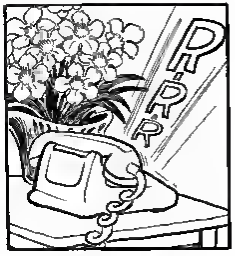
WELL, NOT LIKE HE COULD REALLY HOLD A PEN ANYWAY...

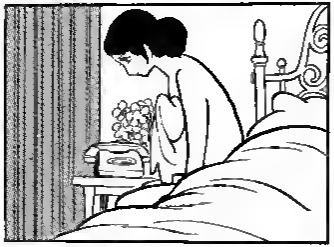
NEVER
DID HE EVER WRITE YOU BACK?

I'M JUST EXCITED ABOUT GOING BACK TO MY HOMETOWN, SEEING DAN...
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.

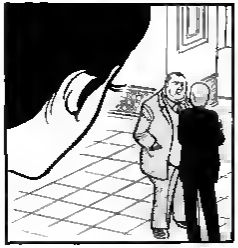
HE MUST'VE HEARD BACK FROM MORETTI
IT'S ABOUT THE MERGER.

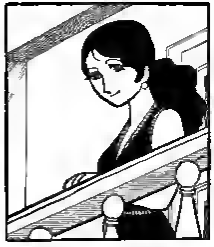
MR. BUZONI IS WAITING FOR YOU DOWNSTAIRS.





GOOD MORNING, EDDY





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I MIGHT HEAR SOMETHING ABOUT DAN
NO... I. I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE...
THAT'S AN OLD RULE OF THE ALBANI FAMILY
A WOMAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY PLACE IN HER HUSBAND'S BUSINESS AFFAIRS
WANT TO TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE DOING?
YOU DON'T TRUST ME?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT DAN
WHAT RELATION COULD BUZONI POSSIBLY HAVE WITH YOUR BROTHER?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT... AREN'T I YOUR WIFE?
YOU JUST BETTER THINK HARD BEFORE YOU BETRAY THE ALBANI FAMILY.
I DIDN'T SAY THAT....
YOU DON'T... LOVE ME?

I'M GOING OUT WITH BUZONI. WON'T BE BACK UNTIL TOMORROW. IF OUR PARTNER COMPANY CALLS JUST SAY I'M NOT HERE. DON'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE.
IF YOU ARE THEN YOU WON'T SPY ON ME AGAIN
I WON'T. OK?
DAN... WHERE ARE YOU ..? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? WHY DON'T YOU WRITE?
WHY DOES TALKING ABOUT DAN SET HIM OFF LIKE THAT...?
EDDY
IS THIS THE REAL YOU?
DAN... I'M SCARED OF WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU... AND I'M SCARED HERE WITHOUT YOU...
WATER !!!

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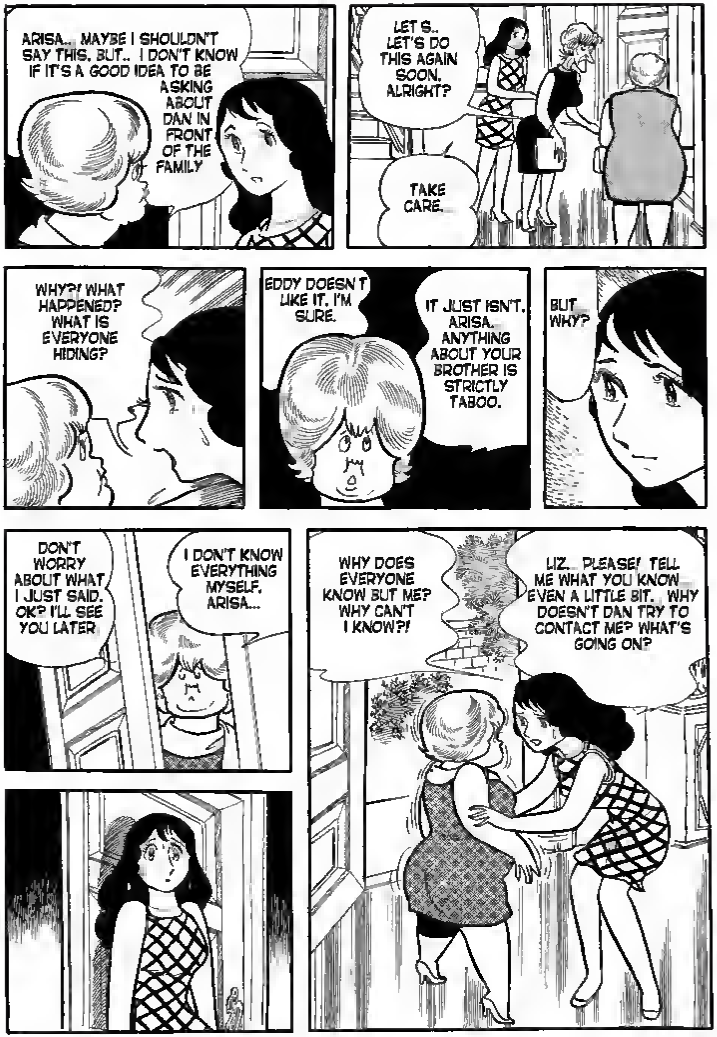
PLEASE!!
SOMEBODY !!

DAN! DAN! YOU DID IT! WAKE UP!
HE DID IT!!!
THE CLIP'S BEEN KNOCKED OVER.
I'M READY FOR MY ARMS NOW.
AND I HAVE THEM FOR YOU.
ENOUGH WITH ALL THE SUPERSTITOUS SPOOK TALK, DOC.
PK ENERGY IS MORE ACCURATELY DEFINED AS THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE A CONCENTRATED AURA..
DAN, WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET YOU TO DO IN THERE IS CONTROL YOUR PK ENERGY. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THIS CALLED "TELEKINESIS" BEFORE, BUT TRUTHFULLY I'M NOT FOND OF THE WORD.

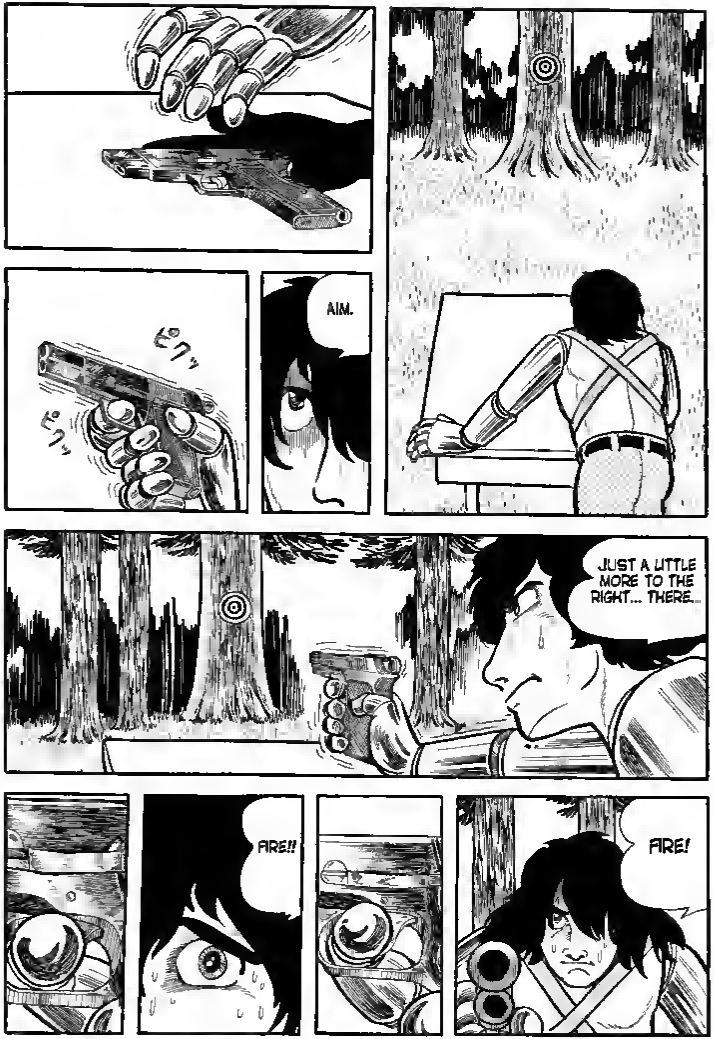
YES
THESE ARE THEM?
CAN I PUT THEM ON?
THESE LOOK AMAZING! CAN I REALLY HAVE THEM FOR FREE?
HOW DO I GET THEM TO MOVE?
YOU JUST HAVE TO SLING THEM ON YOUR SHOULDERS, LIKE THIS.
IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS WHOLE TIME?
LEARN TO MANIPULATE YOUR PK ENERGY AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE THOSE ARMS AS IF THEY WERE REAL.
YOU MOVE THEM WITH PK ENERGY.
THERE'S NO MECHANISM TO MAKE THEM MOVE...

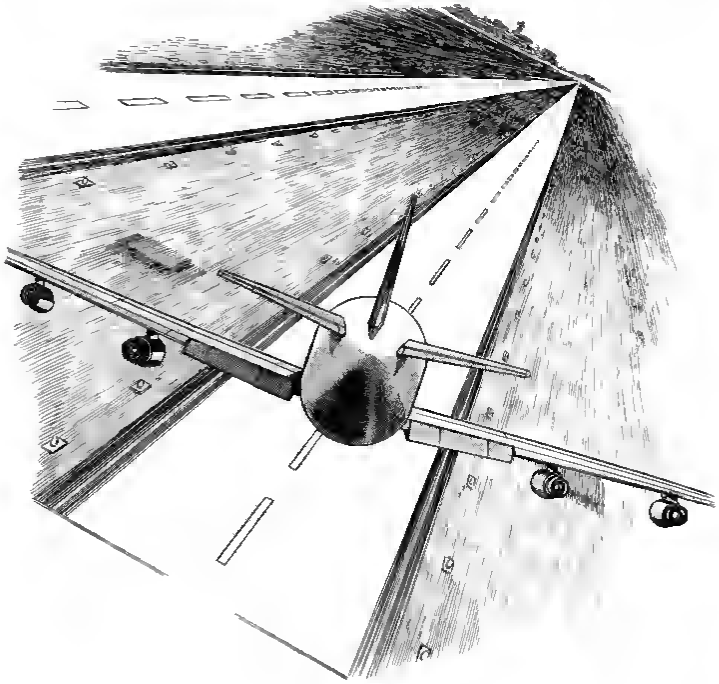
NO DAN. YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR THOSE, STARTING TODAY.
TAKE THESE OFF OF ME...
ALL I'VE DONE IS KNOCKED OVER A CUP! IT'LL TAKE ME TEN YEARS TO GET THAT FAR!
REMEMBER BIRDY AND HIS CRUTCHES. THAT'S THE RESULT OF HIM LEARNING TO MANIPULATE PK ENERGY.
DON'T TAKE PK ENERGY LIGHTLY.
!
!
UWAAAH!!!

MY HAND.. I MOVED IT!!
YOU'RE TOO KIND
THANK YOU FOR THIS LOVELY GET-TOGETHER.
ARISA.. PLEASE. YOU'VE ALREADY DONE TOO MUCH.
I'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT. I BARELY EVER SEE HIM HE'S GONE SO MUCH.
YES, HE'S ONLY GOT ONE MONTH UNTIL HEADING TO JAPAN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ALREADY BEEN HALF A YEAR SINCE YOUR WEDDING.
IT MUST BE HARD WITH EDDY WORKING SO MUCH.
I WANTED TO ASK
IF ANYONE KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT DAN?
I...


ARISA.. MAYBE I SHOULDN'T SAY THIS, BUT.. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO BE ASKING ABOUT DAN IN FRONT OF THE FAMILY
LET S.. LET'S DO THIS AGAIN SOON, ALRIGHT?
TAKE CARE.
WHY?! WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT IS EVERYONE HIDING?
EDDY DOESN'T LIKE IT, I'M SURE.
IT JUST ISN'T, ARISA, ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR BROTHER IS STRICTLY TABOO.
BUT WHY?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT I JUST SAID, OK? I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
I DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING MYSELF, ARISA...
WHY DOES EVERYONE KNOW BUT ME? WHY CAN'T I KNOW?!
LIZ.. PLEASE! TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW EVEN A LITTLE BIT. WHY DOESN'T DAN TRY TO CONTACT ME? WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'M GOING TO TRY ASKING EDDY AGAIN TONIGHT.
IF HE DOESN'T SAY ANY-THING, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO IN JAPAN. .
SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT.. SOMETHING INVOLVING DAN...
BUT WHAT?
IT'S EDDY...
ARISA! I'M HOME.
YOU'RE GOING TO STAY PUT THERE UNLESS I SAY SO. THAT'S OK WITH YOU, RIGHT?
DO YOU LIKE THEM? THEY'RE GOING TO BE YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS WHILE WE'RE TRAVELING
WHAT.. WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THOSE DOGS?!
I THOUGHT I'D LET YOU STAY IN THE HOTEL THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE THERE. THEY GET TO WATCH AFTER YOU


AIM.
JUST A LITTLE MORE TO THE RIGHT... THERE...
FIRE!!
FIRE!



I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
EDDY.
THERE!
I'M COMING FOR YOU... AND THE REST OF THE ALBANI FAMILY TOO!
I'LL MAKE YOU REMEMBER.

COULD YOU PLEASE OPEN THE SUITCASE?
THIS ONE'S TAKEN CARE OF.
THEY'RE LIKE ROBOT ARMS OR SOMETHING. MUST BE A NEW AMERICAN TREND.
AH. UMM. NEVERMIND. I'M SORRY I DIDN'T NOTICE. PLEASE, GO AHEAD.

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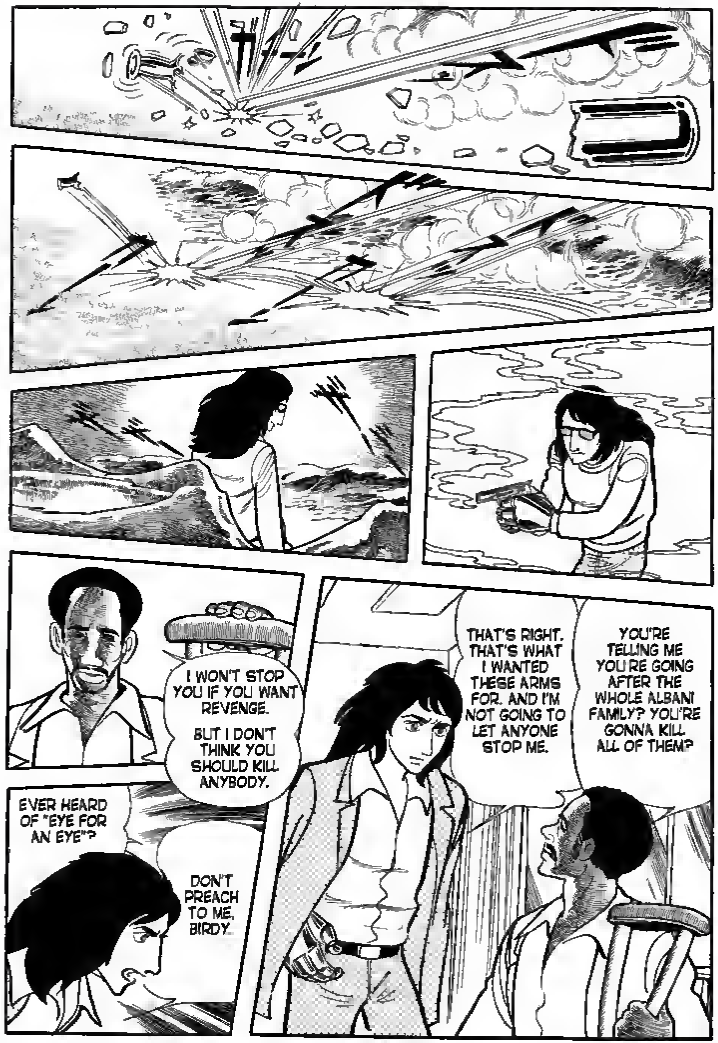
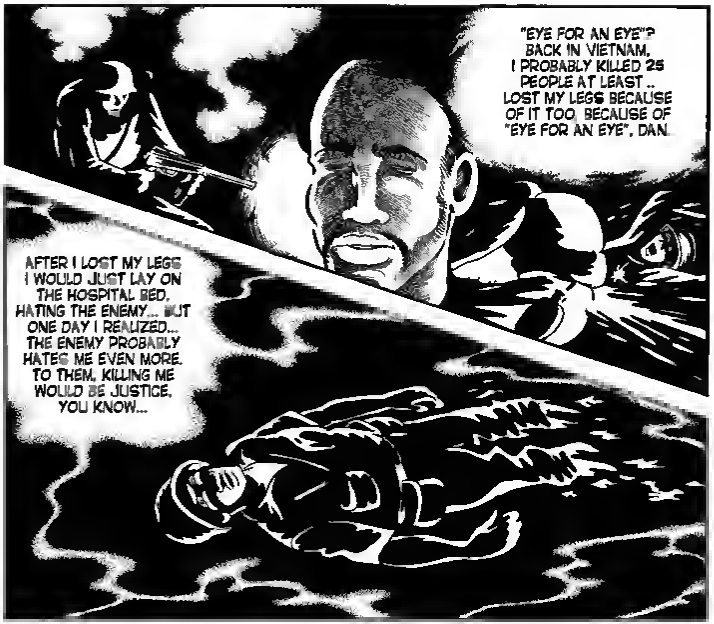
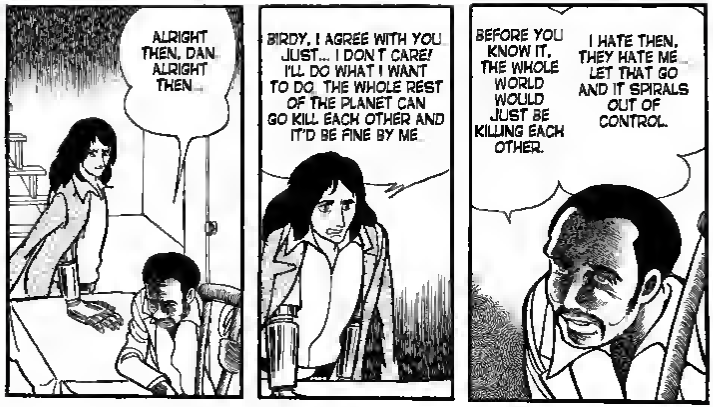
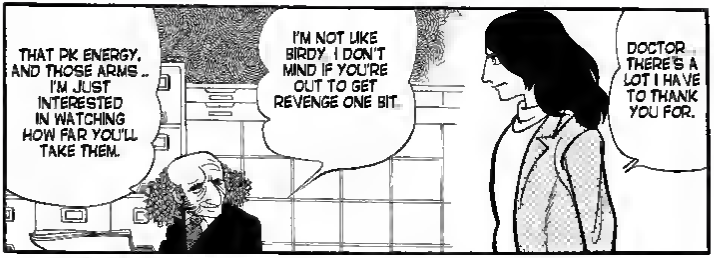
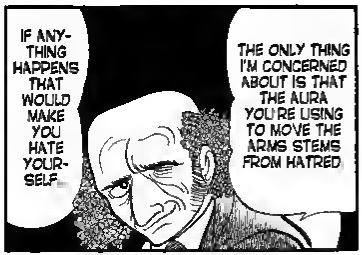

I WON'T STOP YOU IF YOU WANT REVENGE.
BUT I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD KILL ANYBODY.
EVER HEARD OF "EYE FOR AN EYE"?
DON'T PREACH TO ME, BIRDY.
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED THESE ARMS FOR. AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET ANYONE STOP ME.
YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU'RE GOING AFTER THE WHOLE ALBANI FAMILY? YOU'RE GONNA KILL ALL OF THEM?


"EYE FOR AN EYE"? BACK IN VIETNAM, I PROBABLY KILLED 25 PEOPLE AT LEAST .. LOST MY LEGS BECAUSE OF IT TOO. BECAUSE OF "EYE FOR AN EYE", DAN.
AFTER I LOST MY LEGS I WOULD JUST LAY ON THE HOSPITAL BED, HATING THE ENEMY... BUT ONE DAY I REALIZED... THE ENEMY PROBABLY HATES ME EVEN MORE. TO THEM, KILLING ME WOULD BE JUSTICE, YOU KNOW...


ALRIGHT THEN, DAN. ALRIGHT THEN...
BIRDY, I AGREE WITH YOU. JUST... I DON'T CARE! I'LL DO WHAT I WANT TO DO. THE WHOLE REST OF THE PLANET CAN GO KILL EACH OTHER AND IT'D BE FINE BY ME.
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD JUST BE KILLING EACH OTHER.
I HATE THEM, THEY HATE ME... LET THAT GO AND IT SPIRALS OUT OF CONTROL.

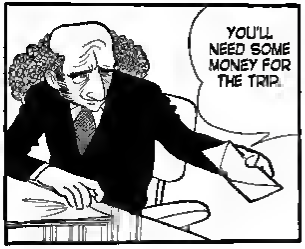

THAT PK ENERGY, AND THOSE ARMS .. I'M JUST INTERESTED IN WATCHING HOW FAR YOU'LL TAKE THEM.
I'M NOT LIKE BIRDY. I DON'T MIND IF YOU'RE OUT TO GET REVENGE ONE BIT.
DOCTOR... THERE'S A LOT I HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR.

THOSE ARMS WOULDN'T HESITATE TO KILL EVEN YOU.


IF ANY-THING HAPPENS THAT WOULD MAKE YOU HATE YOUR-SELF...
THE ONLY THING I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT THE AURA YOU'RE USING TO MOVE THE ARMS STEMS FROM HATRED.

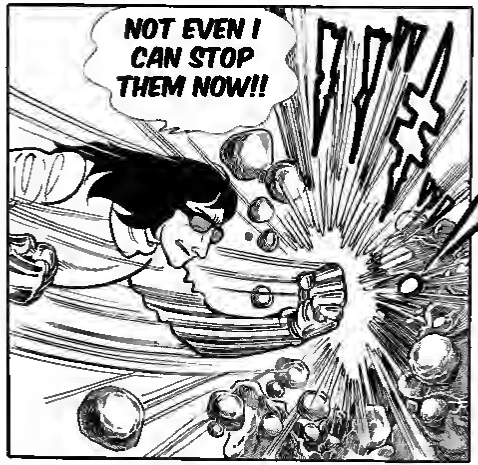
DON'T GET SO SENTIMENTAL ON ME, DAN. YOU'RE MY TEST SUBJECT. THAT'S ALL. HAHAHA.
I'M SORRY... I WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING IN RETURN

AFTER THAT, I DON'T CARE
AS LONG AS I CAN GET ALBANI.


YOU'LL NEED SOME MONEY FOR THE TRIP.

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO THINK IT OVER.

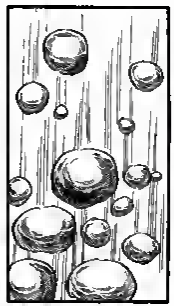
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE HAPPY FOR ME, BIRDY.

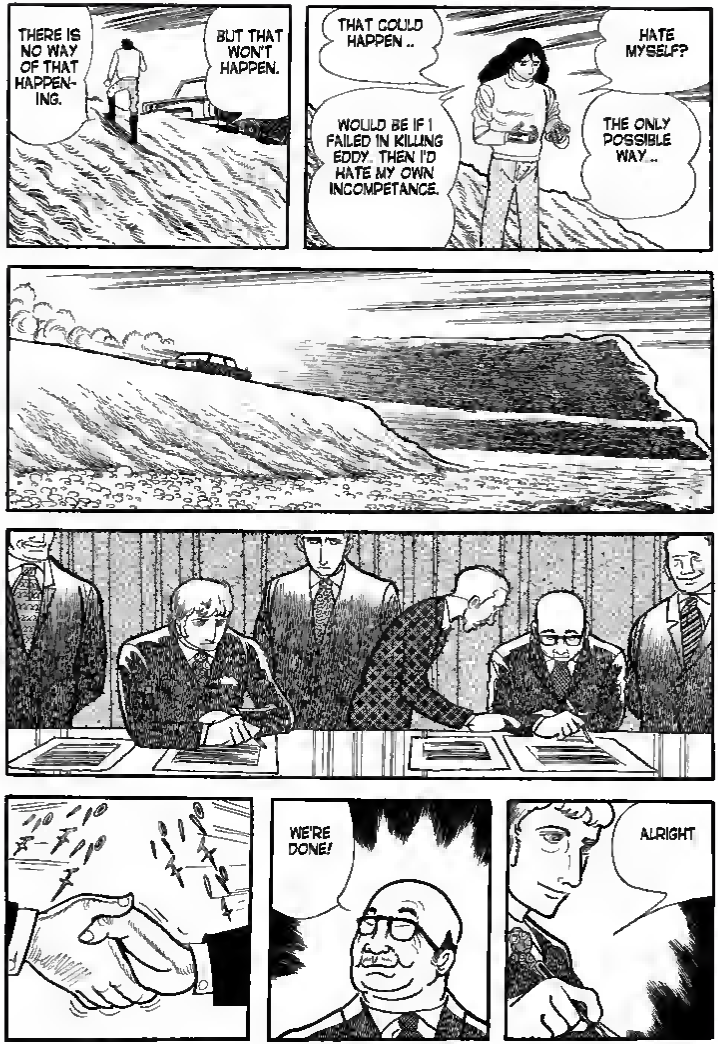

NOT EVEN I CAN STOP THEM NOW!!

BIRDY.

BUT THESE ARMS...
YOU'RE PROB-ABLY RIGHT.

SO YOU'RE GOING BACK AFTER ALL.




THERE IS NO WAY OF THAT HAPPEN-ING.
BUT THAT WON'T HAPPEN.
THAT COULD HAPPEN ..
HATE MYSELF?
WOULD BE IF I FAILED IN KILLING EDDY. THEN I'D HATE MY OWN INCOMPETANCE.
THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY ..
WE'RE DONE!
ALRIGHT

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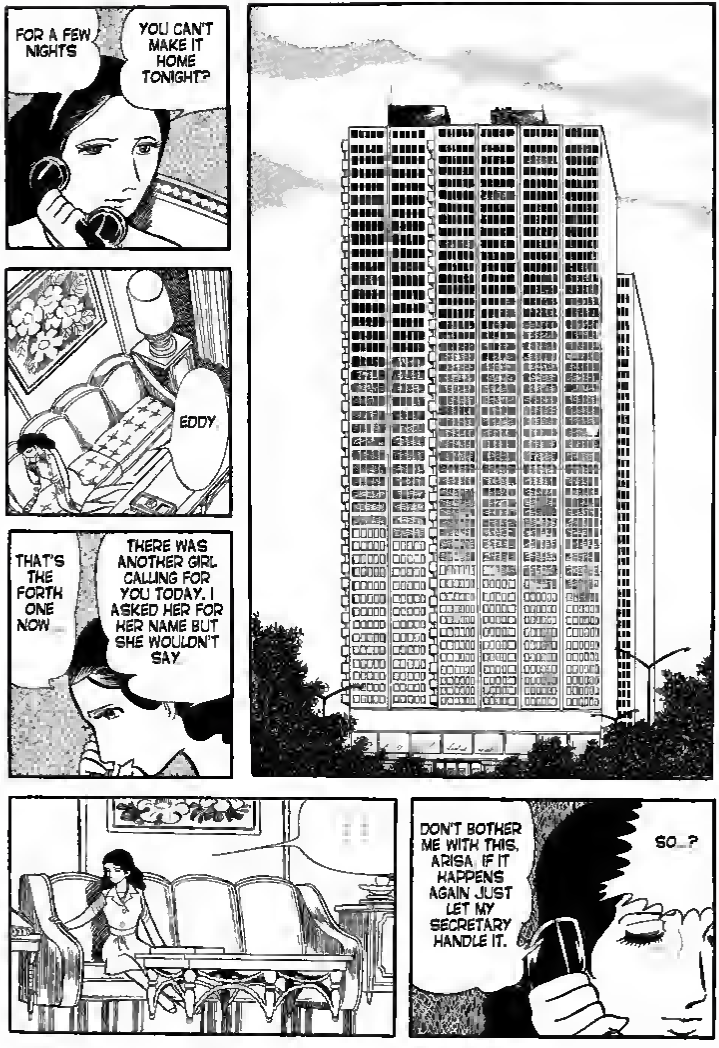
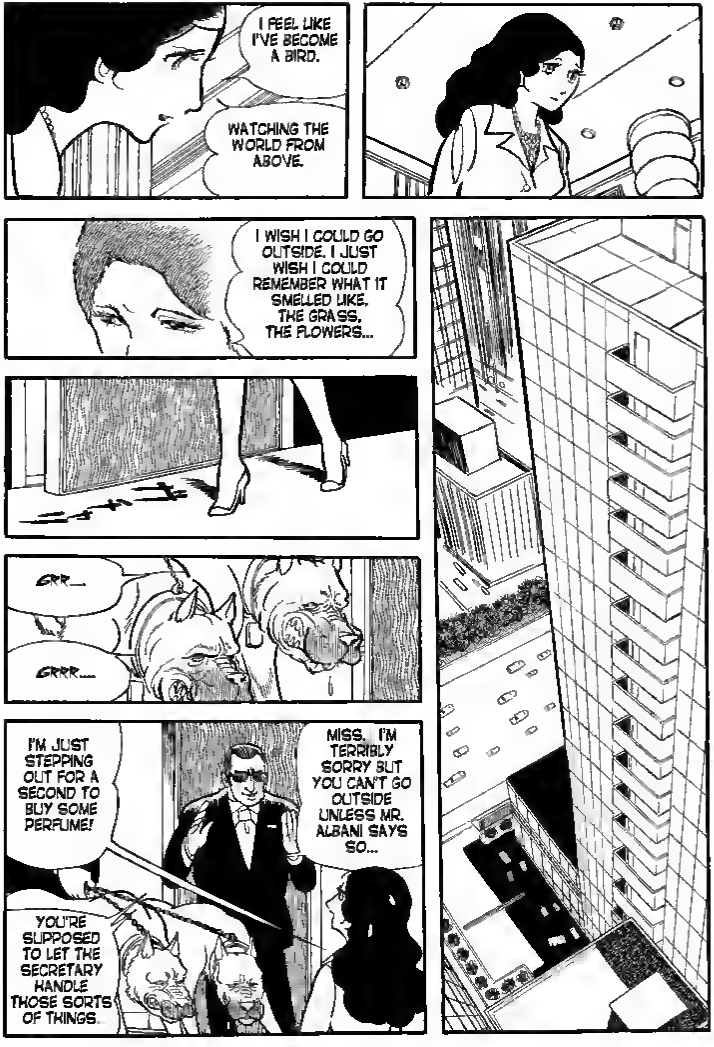
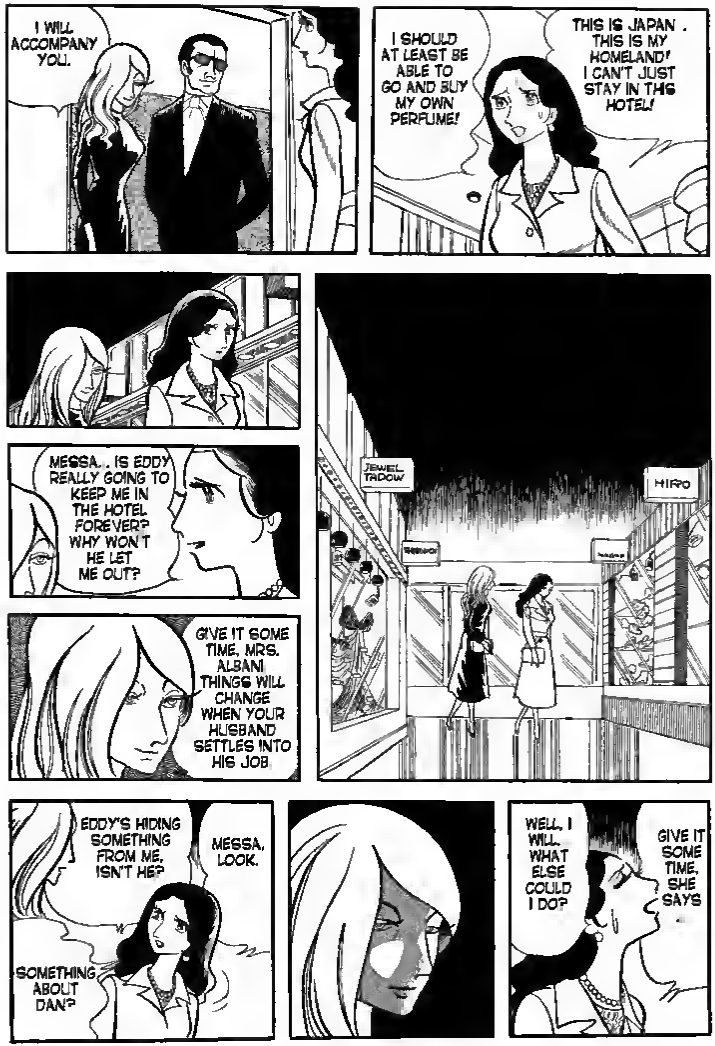
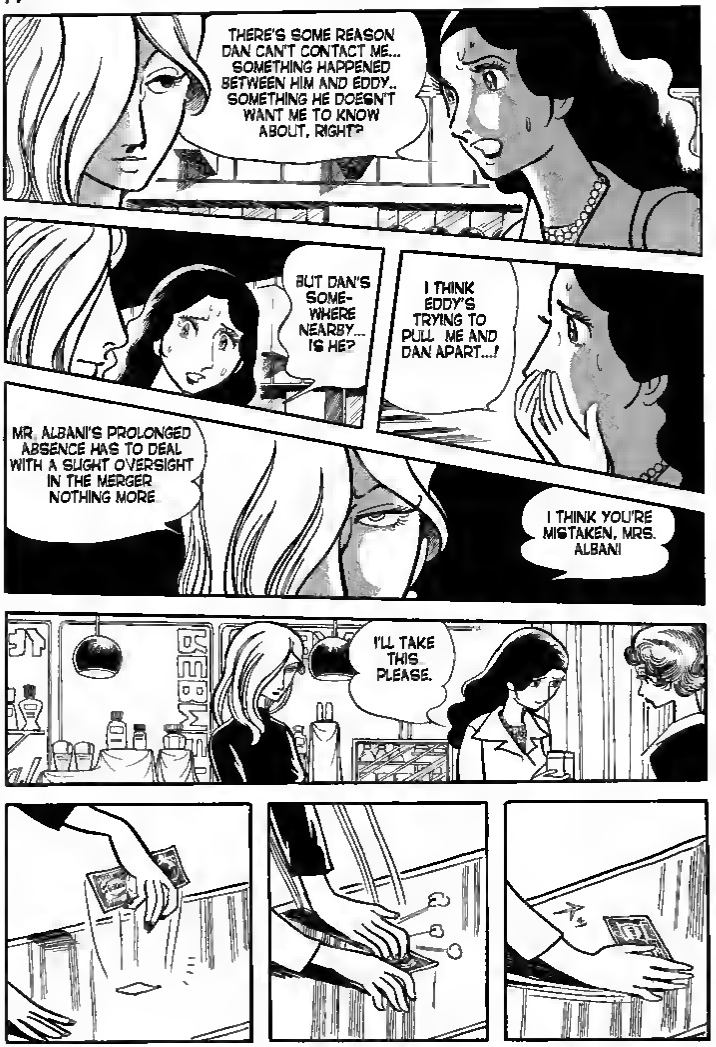
WE'VE FINISHED PREPARA-TIONS. PLEASE COME THIS WAY, EVERYONE.
THIS WAY PLEASE. NOW, SAY CHEESE...


FOR A FEW NIGHTS
YOU CAN'T MAKE IT HOME TONIGHT?
EDDY
THAT'S THE FORTH ONE NOW...
THERE WAS ANOTHER GIRL CALLING FOR YOU TODAY. I ASKED HER FOR HER NAME BUT SHE WOULDN'T SAY.
DON'T BOTHER ME WITH THIS, ARISA. IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN JUST LET MY SECRETARY HANDLE IT.
SO...?


I FEEL LIKE I'VE BECOME A BIRD.
WATCHING THE WORLD FROM ABOVE.
I WISH I COULD GO OUTSIDE. I JUST WISH I COULD REMEMBER WHAT IT SMELLED LIKE. THE GRASS, THE FLOWERS...
GRR...
GRRR...
I'M JUST STEPPING OUT FOR A SECOND TO BUY SOME PERFUME!
MISS. I'M TERRIBLY SORRY BUT YOU CAN'T GO OUTSIDE UNLESS MR. ALBANI SAYS SO...
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LET THE SECRETARY HANDLE THOSE SORTS OF THINGS.

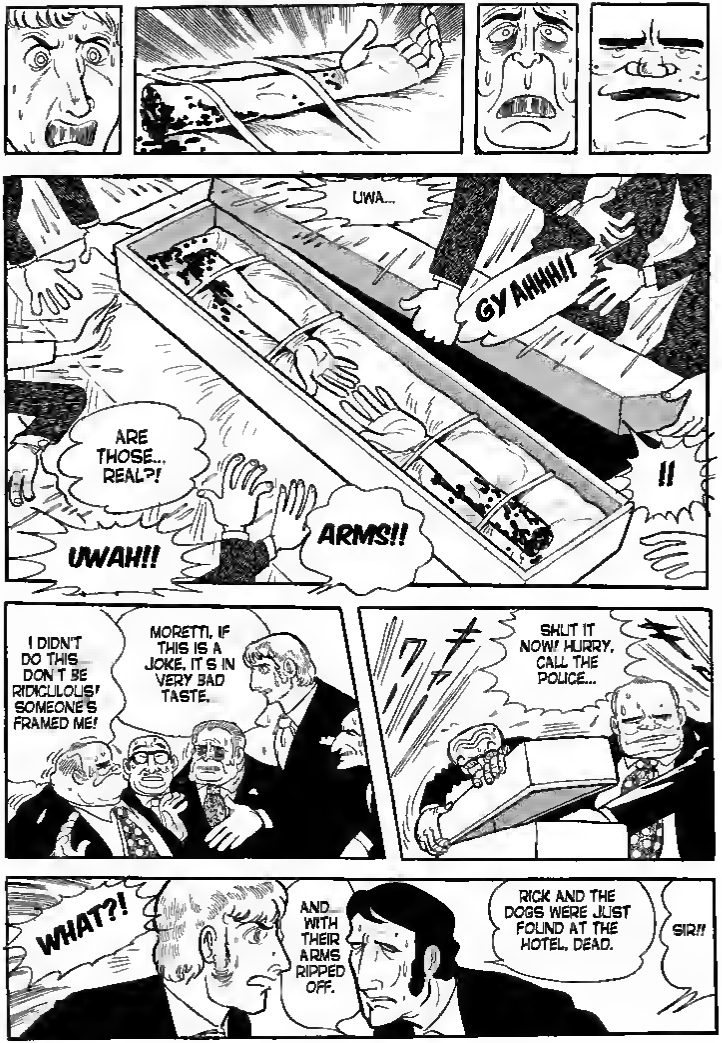

I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.
I SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO GO AND BUY MY OWN PERFUME!
THIS IS JAPAN . THIS IS MY HOMELAND! I CAN'T JUST STAY IN THIS HOTEL!
MESSA.. IS EDDY REALLY GOING TO KEEP ME IN THE HOTEL FOREVER? WHY WON'T HE LET ME OUT?
JEWEL TADOW
HIRO
GIVE IT SOME TIME, MRS. ALBANI. THINGS WILL CHANGE WHEN YOUR HUSBAND SETTLES INTO HIS JOB.
EDDY'S HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME, ISN'T HE?
MESSA, LOOK.
SOMETHING ABOUT DAN?
WELL, I WILL. WHAT ELSE COULD I DO?
GIVE IT SOME TIME, SHE SAYS


THERE'S SOME REASON DAN CAN'T CONTACT ME... SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN HIM AND EDDY.. SOMETHING HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO KNOW ABOUT, RIGHT?
BUT DAN'S SOME-WHERE NEARBY... IS HE?
I THINK EDDY'S TRYING TO PULL ME AND DAN APART...!
MR. ALBANI'S PROLONGED ABSENCE HAS TO DEAL WITH A SLIGHT OVERSIGHT IN THE MERGER NOTHING MORE.
I THINK YOU'RE MISTAKEN, MRS. ALBANI
I'LL TAKE THIS PLEASE.

THOUGHT YOU COULD SLIP THIS BY ME?
PLEASE SEARCH FOR DAN TARUYA. TELL HIM HIS SISTER IS WAITING AT THE HOTEL.
MESSA. AT LEAST TELL ME ABOUT THESE WOMEN THAT KEEP CALLING OUR HOTEL..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
IF THE MEDIA WERE TO FIND OUT ABOUT A STUNT LIKE THAT, MR. ALBANI WOULD BE MADE INTO A LAUGHINGSTOCK.
THE DOGS... THEY'VE BEEN..!!!

EEEEK!!!

SO RELIEVED THAT EVERY-THING WITH THE MERGER'S FINALLY GONE THROUGH.
...INCLUDING THE 2 BILLION FROM MORETTI.
KEEP YOUR VOICE LOW. HERE COMES THE VICE-PRESIDENT.
THAT'S WHERE WE OF COURSE, COME ALONG AND SNATCH THE ROUTE UP...
MORETTI'S BEEN DOING WELL ENOUGH, BUT THEY WERE ABOUT TO LOSE ONE OF THEIR PRINCIPAL ROUTES IN THIS RECENT ECONOMIC DOWNTURN
A KATANA THIS, IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE.
ALBANI AS YOU KNOW, MY HOBBY IS IN SWORDS TO CELEBRATE TODAY I THOUGHT I WOULD...
YOU MAY NOT KNOW THE MAKER'S NAME, BUT IT'S AN EXTRAORDINARY DESIGN


UWA...
GYAHHH!!
ARE THOSE... REAL?!
ARMS!!
UWAH!!
!!
I DIDN'T DO THIS. DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! SOMEONE'S FRAMED ME!
MORETTI, IF THIS IS A JOKE, IT'S IN VERY BAD TASTE.
SHUT IT NOW! HURRY, CALL THE POLICE...
WHAT?!
AND... WITH THEIR ARMS RIPPED OFF.
RICK AND THE DOGS WERE JUST FOUND AT THE HOTEL, DEAD.
SIR!!

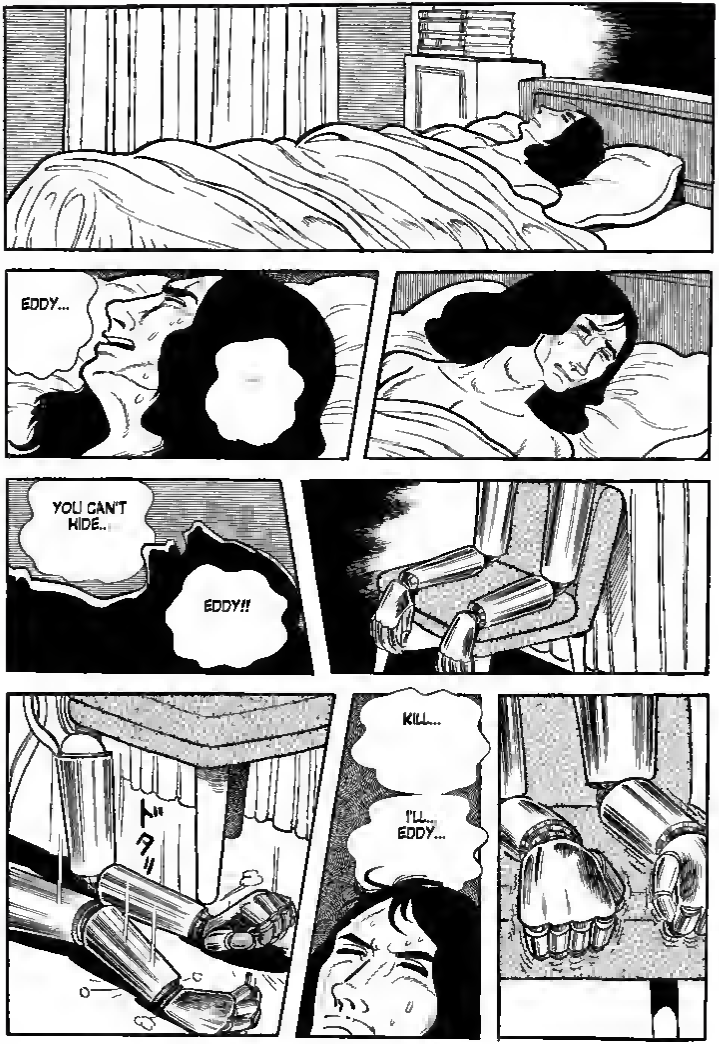
YOU CAN'T PROVE IT.
DAN TAKUYA DID THIS. I KNOW HE DID!
YOUR WIFE IS VERY SHAKEN UP BACK AT THE HOTEL. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU WENT TO...
ALBANI! MORETTI DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, WE SWEAR!
WE NEED TO HAVE A MEETING, NOW! JUST THE ALBANI FAMILY!
YOU'RE TREMBLING. PATHETIC THINK ABOUT YOUR POSITION.
WE'RE SAYING THAT THERE'S STILL NO WAY TO PROVE THAT, EDDY.
HE RIPPED OFF RICK'S ARMS AND SENT THEM TO ME.. THIS IS CLEARLY A THREAT!
EVEN IF HE IS, WHAT CAN ONE JAP DO AGAINST THE WHOLE ALBANI FAMILY? YOUR ATTITUDE DISAPPOINTS ME, EDDY.
HE'S AFTER ME YOU KNOW... I'M THE ONE HE WANTS!
IS IT WRONG TO BE SCARED ...?
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE'LL HAVE THEM PAY A PENALTY IN ADDITION TO THEIR APOLOGY.
WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN USE THIS SITUATION TO OUR BENEFIT.
WHAT ABOUT MORETTI?

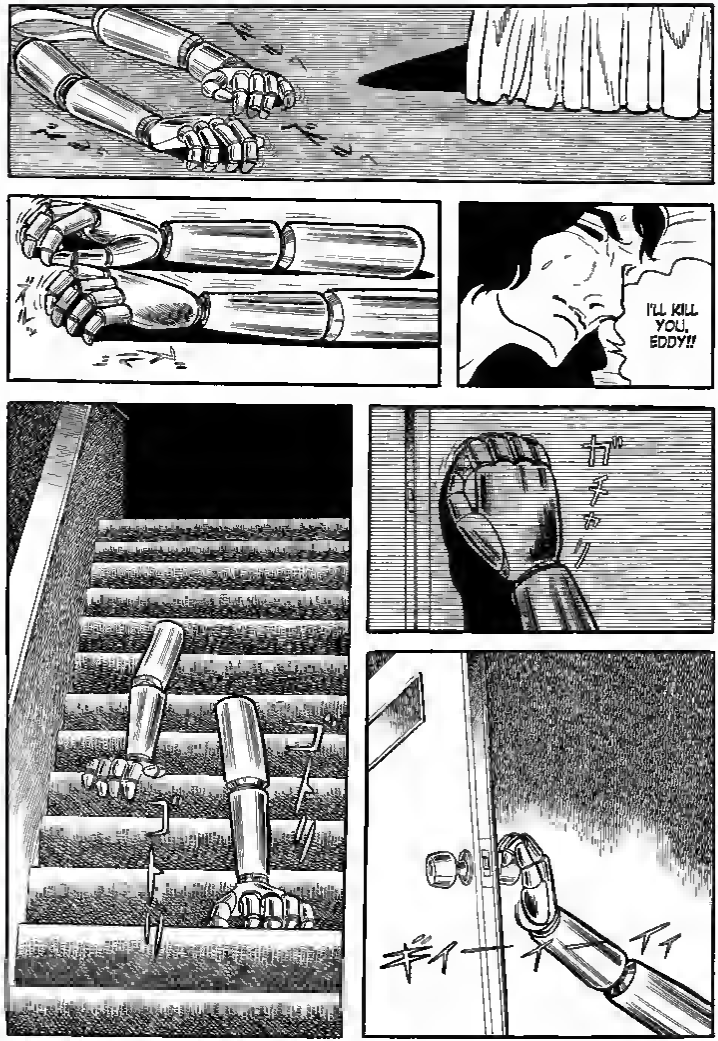
WERE YOU SCARED?
YES.
EDDY!
WE SHOULD TALK...
EDDY..
ARISA! HOW ARE YOU DOING...?
RIGHT. THERE ARE SOME THINGS I NEEDED TO CLEAR UP AS WELL...
YES, ABOUT YOUR BROTHER. ABOUT DAN TAKUYA.
ABOUT MY BROTHER?
ABOUT...
THE ALBANI FAMILY IS BOUND BY A STRICT CODE. DAN BROKE THAT CODE.
BETRAYED ?! DAN DID?
THE TRUTH IS THAT DAN BETRAYED THE ALBANI FAMILY
I HAVEN'T SPOKEN UNTIL NOW BECAUSE... I WAS WORRIED YOU WOULD OVERREACT. HOWEVER...

THAT'S WHY WE'VE ALWAYS HAD TO RELY ON EACH OTHER. OUR CODE KEEPS US STRONG
I THINK YOU KNOW THIS BUT, WE ITALIANS CAME TO AMERICA POOR. NO ONE ACCEPTED US. WE WORKED HARD AND GOT NOTHING FOR IT.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER
ANYWAY HE'S NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE ALBANI FAMILY.
WHAT DID HE DO? HOW DID HE BETRAY YOU?
AND AFTER OUR MARRIAGE, YOUR BROTHER HAD A DUTY TO PROTECT OUR CODE.
TELL ME WHY RICK AND THE DOGS ARE DEAD!
YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO MEET DAN, I WON'T. BUT TELL ME WHY YOU WON'T EVEN LET ME LEAVE THIS HOTEL!
AND THAT INCLUDES YOU
HE'S NOTHING BUT A STRANGER TO YOU NOW!
ENOUGH!
DAN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!
YOU DID SOMETHING HORRIBLE TO DAN. AND NOW YOU'RE SCARED.. SCARED THAT HE'S GOING TO TRY AND TAKE REVENGE ON YOU!

YOU. WHAT ARE YOU CALLING NOW FOR?
HELLO? WHO...?
R-R-R-R
THOUGHT I'D GO SEE ONE OF YOUR MISTRESSES. YOU'VE GOT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL WIFE, EDDY... WHAT DO YOU SEE IN A GIRL LIKE THIS?
ANYWAY. JUST WANTED TO CALL YOU TO TELL YOU I CAME BACK TO JAPAN TO SEE YOU.
SOMEONE HERE WANTS TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM THE PHONE NOW. DON'T HANG UP, OK?
HEY EDDY. IT'S YOUR OLD FRIEND. YOU KNOW WHO. YOU RECOGNIZE MY VOICE, RIGHT?
OH, JUST ONE THING. SOMEBODY RIPPED OFF THE ARMS OF ONE OF YOUR GUYS AT THE HOTEL TODAY. I HEARD BUT THAT WASN'T ME! I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN YOU
I'LL DROP BY SOMETIME SOON. TRY TO WAIT PATIENTLY UNTIL THEN
I FOUND A NEW PAIR OF ARMS TO SHOW YOU. TOO. A NEW PAIR OF ARMS TO CHOKE YOU TO DEATH WITH

JUST KNOW THIS.. WHEN I COME FOR YOU, I'M COMING DIRECTLY FOR YOU.. I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TODAY AT THE HOTEL.. BYE THEN..
WAY TOO LATE, EDDY.
WAIT. CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT THIS..? THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I CAN GIVE YOU..
IS SOMEONE TRYING TO SABOTAGE ME?
WHO COULD'VE KILLED THAT GUARD...? AND RIPPED HIS ARMS OFF ..
NOW THAT I FOUND THIS APARTMENT AGROSS FROM YOUR HOTEL, I CAN KEEP WATCH ON YOU ALL DAY, EDDY.
GO AHEAD AND CALL THE COPS IF YOU WANT. GO RIGHT AHEAD.


EDDY...
YOU CAN'T HIDE..
EDDY!!
KILL...
I'LL... EDDY...


I'LL KILL YOU, EDDY!!
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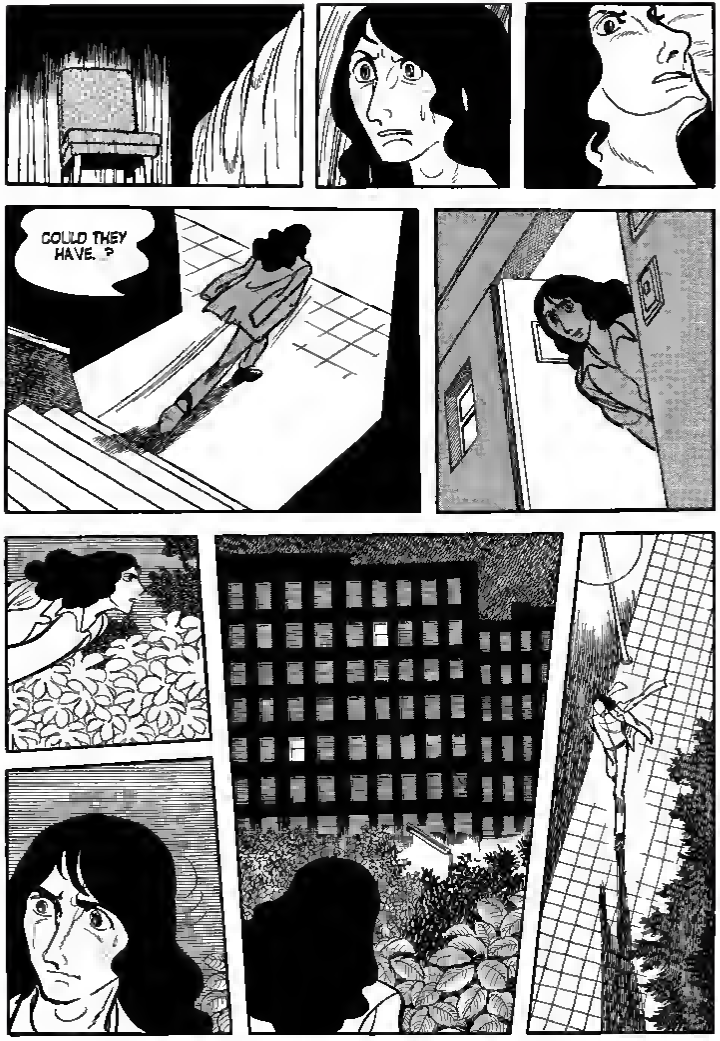
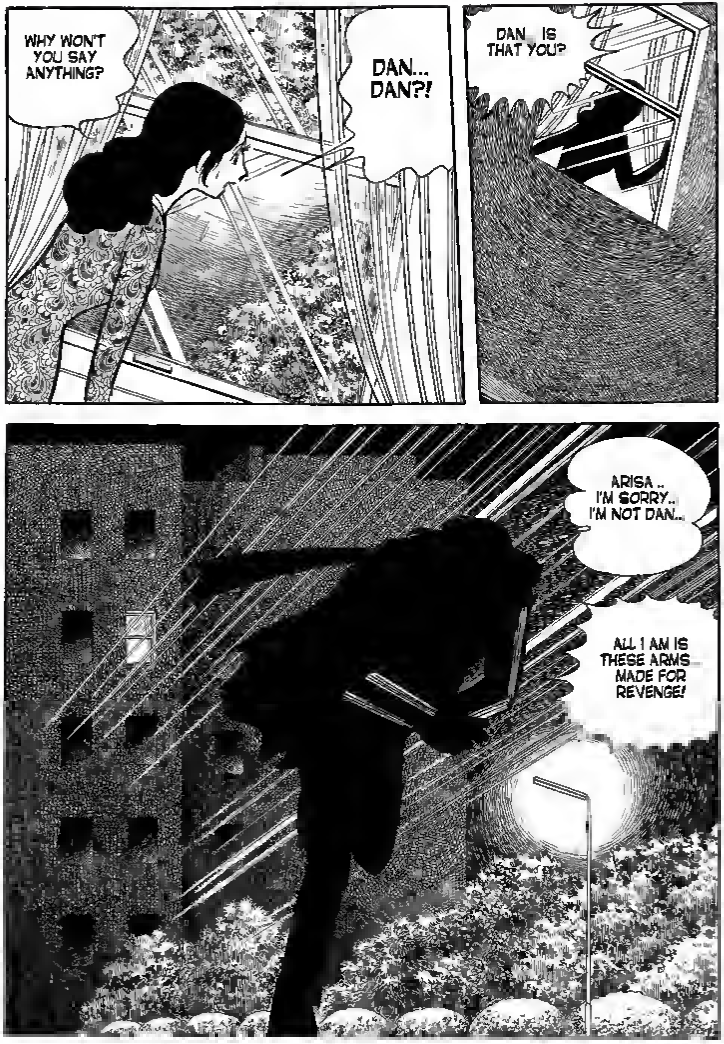
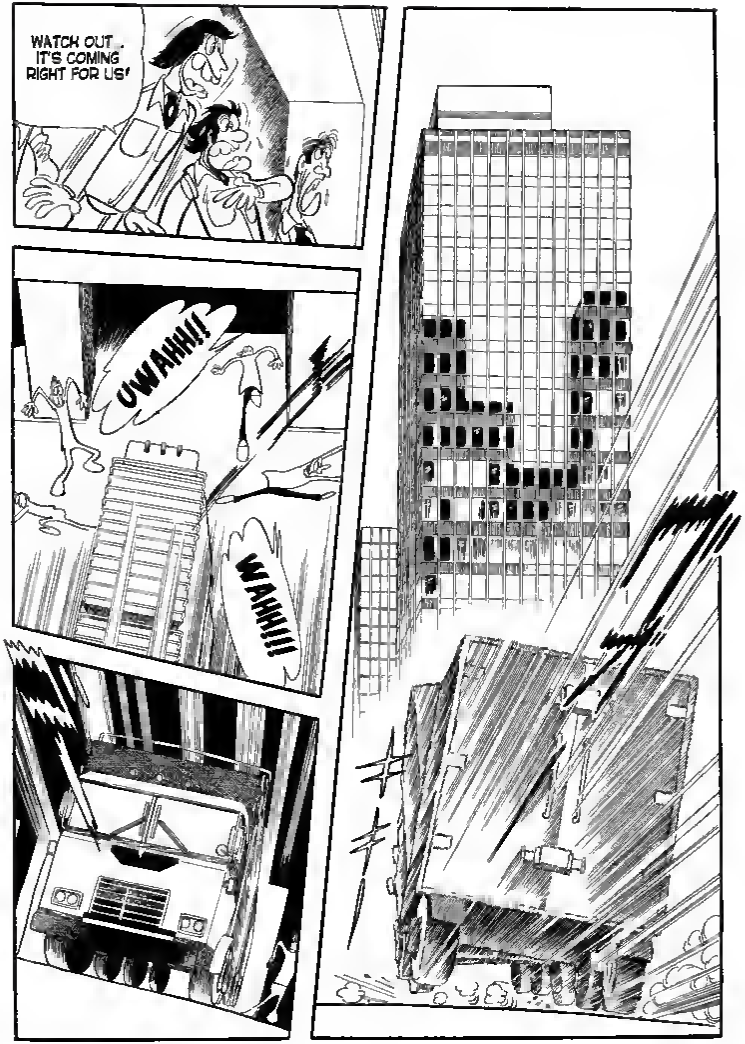
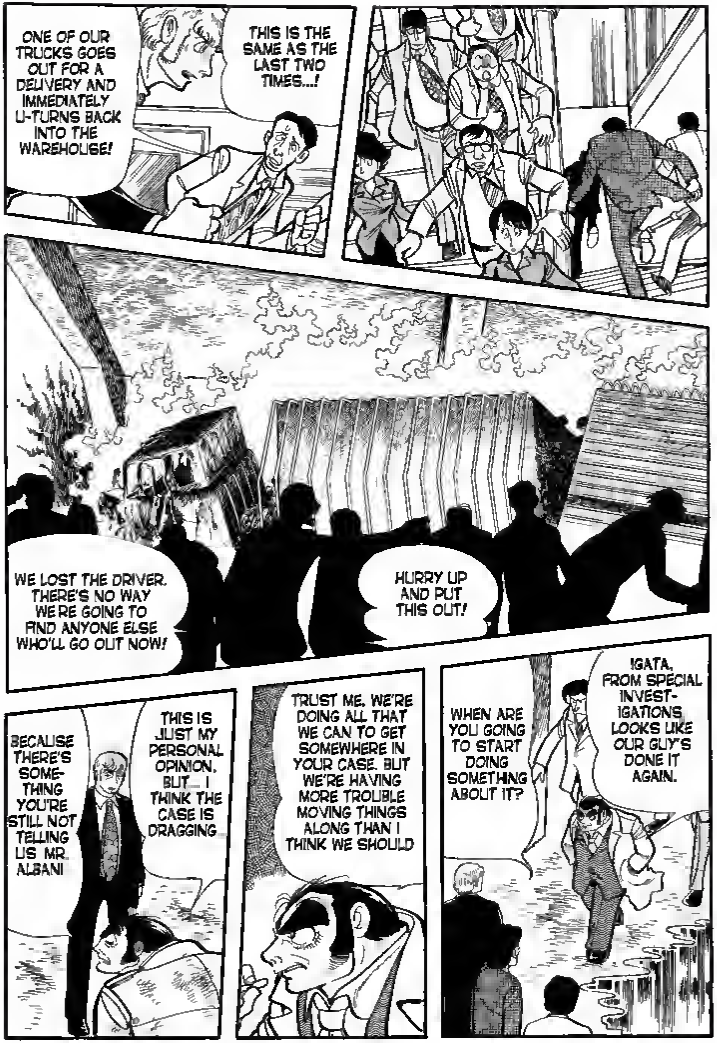

COULD THEY HAVE..?

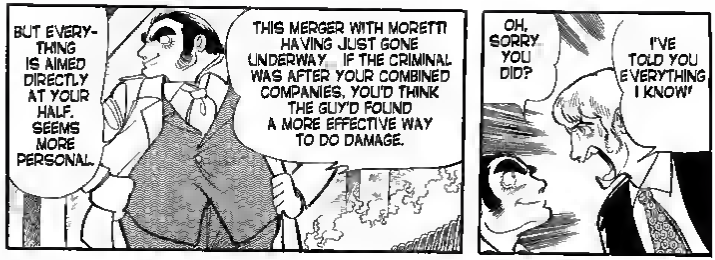
THAT'S EDDY'S ROOM RIGHT UP THERE.
THEY'RE ALL THE WAY OVER HERE.
MY ARMS!
I MUST HAVE BEEN USING PK ENERGY TO MOVE THEM IN MY SLEEP.
ARISA...
IS THAT HOW THE GUARD AND THOSE DOGS DIED TODAY? DID I KILL THEM WHILE I WAS SLEEPING?


WHY WON'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?
DAN... DAN?!
DAN... IS THAT YOU?
ARISA.. I'M SORRY.. I'M NOT DAN...
ALL I AM IS THESE ARMS MADE FOR REVENGE!

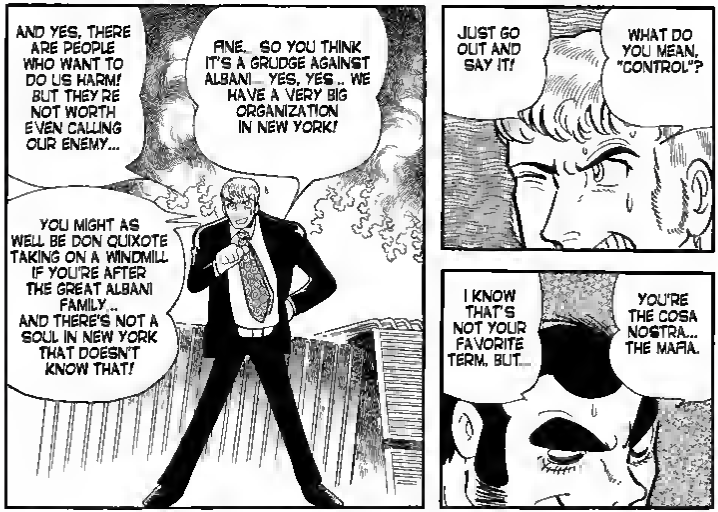

WATCH OUT... IT'S COMING RIGHT FOR US!
UWAHH!!
WAHH!!!

WHAT... AGAIN?


ONE OF OUR TRUCKS GOES OUT FOR A DELIVERY AND IMMEDIATELY U-TURNS BACK INTO THE WAREHOUSE!
THIS IS THE SAME AS THE LAST TWO TIMES...!
WE LOST THE DRIVER. THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE GOING TO FIND ANYONE ELSE WHO'LL GO OUT NOW!
HURRY UP AND PUT THIS OUT!
BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE STILL NOT TELLING US MR. ALBANI
THIS IS JUST MY PERSONAL OPINION, BUT... I THINK THE CASE IS DRAGGING
TRUST ME. WE'RE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN TO GET SOMEWHERE IN YOUR CASE. BUT WE'RE HAVING MORE TROUBLE MOVING THINGS ALONG THAN I THINK WE SHOULD
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
IGATA, FROM SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS. LOOKS LIKE OUR GUY'S DONE IT AGAIN.

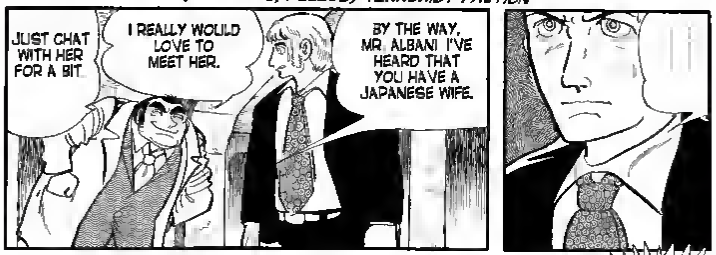

BUT EVERY-THING IS AIMED DIRECTLY AT YOUR HALF. SEEMS MORE PERSONAL.
THIS MERGER WITH MORETTI HAVING JUST GONE UNDERWAY... IF THE CRIMINAL WAS AFTER YOUR COMBINED COMPANIES, YOU'D THINK THE GUY'D FOUND A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO DO DAMAGE.
OH, SORRY YOU DID?
I'VE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW!

YOU KNOW I FIRST HEARD OF YOUR COMPANY FROM YOUR BASE IN NEW YORK... APPARENTLY YOU HAVE A LOT OF "CONTROL" THERE.
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY TO YOU!
MR. ALBANI... THAT'S WHERE I'M THINKING YOU CAN HELP ME OUT
YOU THINK IT'S A GRUDGE?! AGAINST WHO?!

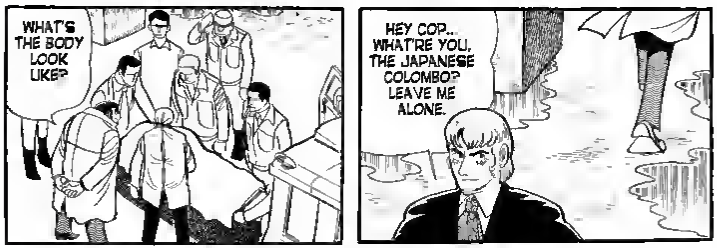

AND YES, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DO US HARM! BUT THEY'RE NOT WORTH EVEN CALLING OUR ENEMY...
FINE... SO YOU THINK IT'S A GRUDGE AGAINST ALBANI... YES, YES... WE HAVE A VERY BIG ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE DON QUIXOTE TAKING ON A WINDMILL IF YOU'RE AFTER THE GREAT ALBANI FAMILY... AND THERE'S NOT A SOUL IN NEW YORK THAT DOESN'T KNOW THAT!
JUST GO OUT AND SAY IT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "CONTROL"?
I KNOW THAT'S NOT YOUR FAVORITE TERM, BUT...
YOU'RE THE COSA NOSTRA... THE MAFIA.

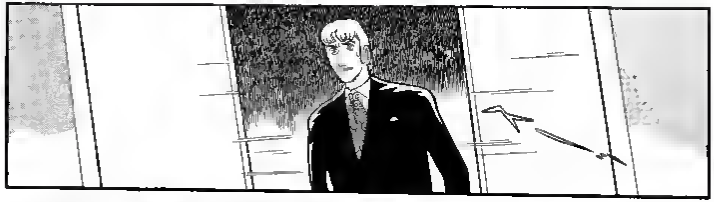
AND I DO THINK THE CRIMINAL IS A JAPANESE, MR. ALBANI.
TAKE THE RED ARMY*, FOR EXAMPLE...
BUT WE JAPANESE KIND OF HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR DOOMED RESISTANCE.
THAT IS THE CASE, I'M SURE... IN AMERICA

*(HOPELESS, I GUESS) TERRORIST FACTION

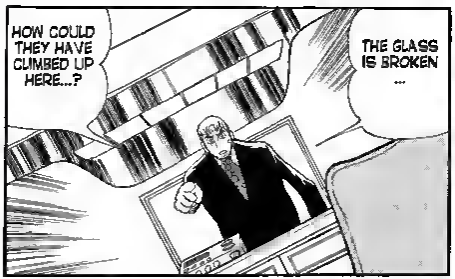


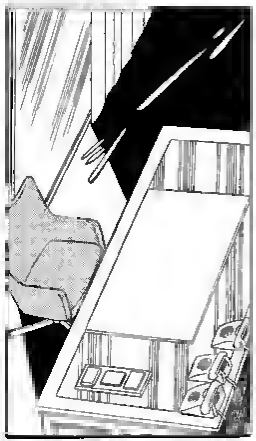
OR I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO JUST HOPE THE KILLER'S HAD HIS FILL NOW...
IF YOU WANT THE INVESTIGATION TO GO SMOOTHLY YOU'LL HAVE TO COOPERATE. YOU KNOW
OH WELL.
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!
NO!!



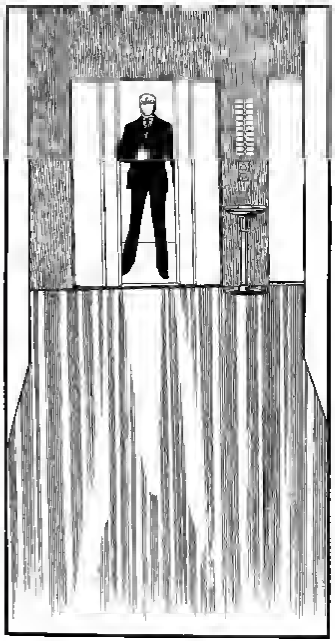


WHO'S THERE?!


HOW COULD THEY HAVE CLIMBED UP HERE...?
THE GLASS IS BROKEN ...

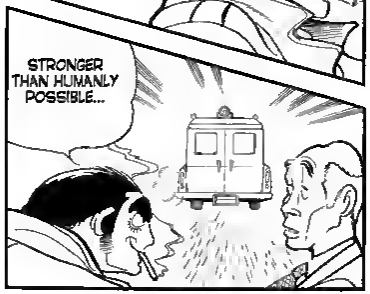


IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN CHOKED TO DEATH... BUT THESE MARKS ARE TOO STRONG TO HAVE BEEN DONE BY A HUMAN...!
JUDGING BY HIS WOUNDS I WOULD SAY HE WAS DEAD BEFORE THE IMPACT OF THE CRASH...



HOW WAS THE TRUCK ABLE TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY BACK HERE AFTER THE DRIVER WAS KILLED? WHO DROVE IT?

THIS IS THE EXACT SAME AS FIVE DAYS AGO...


STRONGER THAN HUMANLY POSSIBLE...

COME OUT... I'LL SHOOT!
UGWAAG GH...!!!
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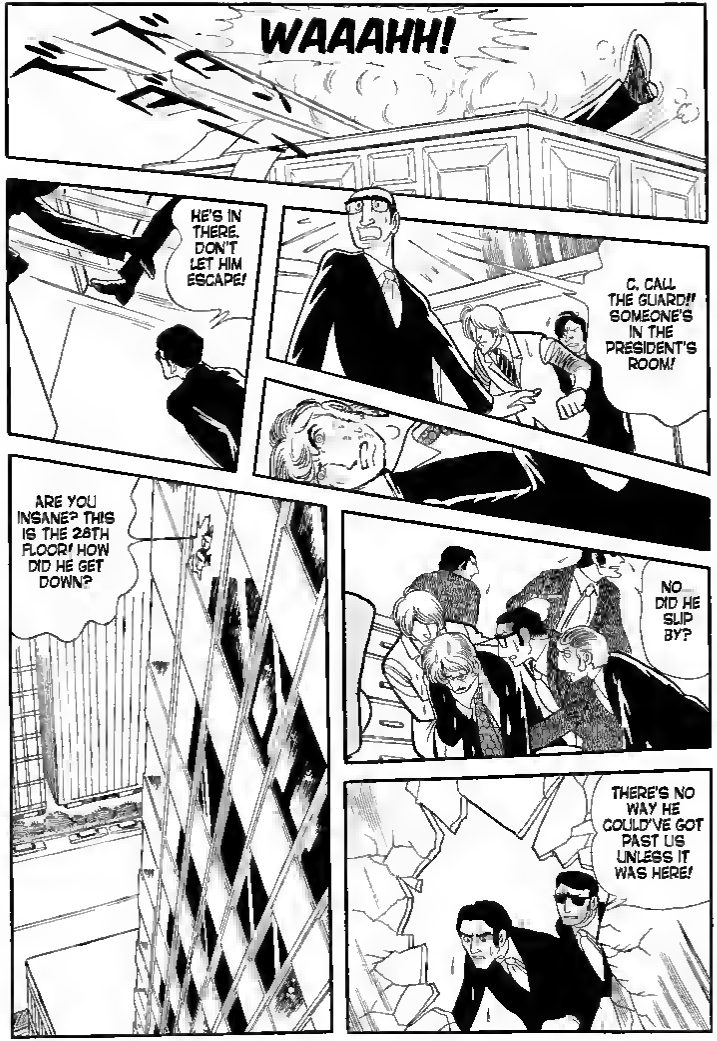
WAAAHH!
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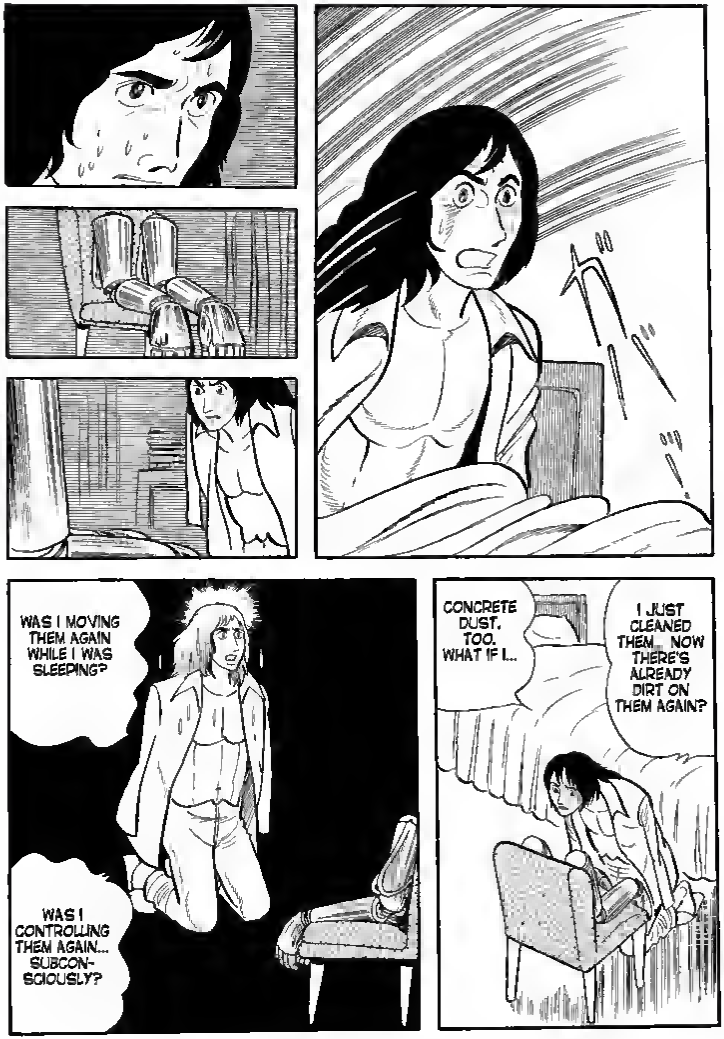
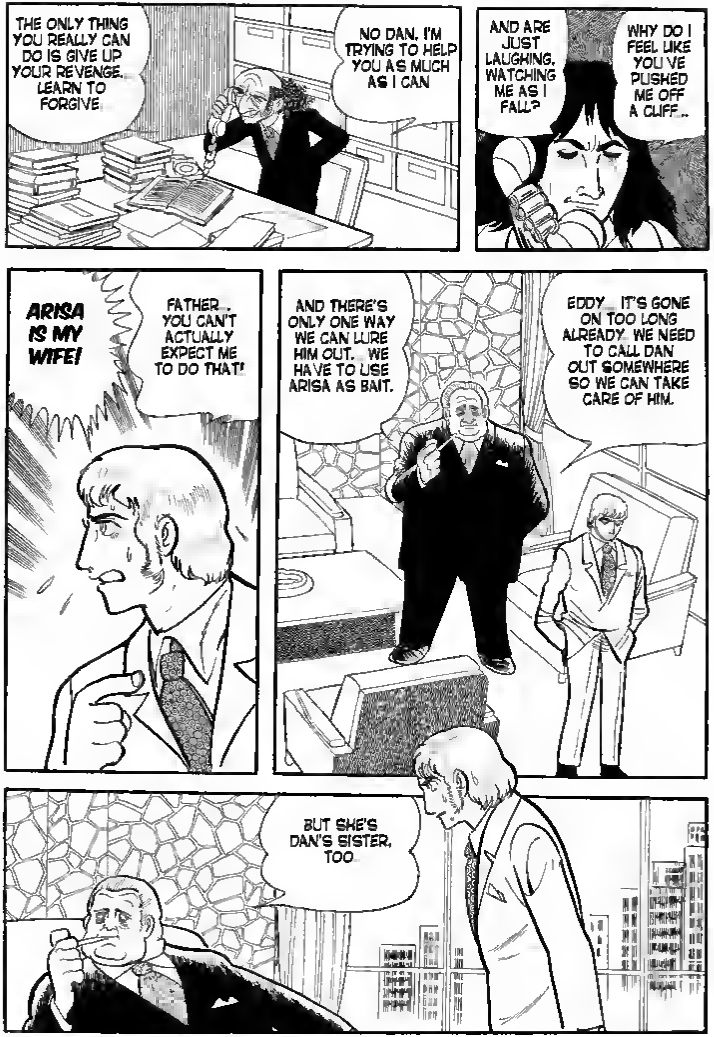
HE'S IN THERE. DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
C. CALL THE GUARD!! SOMEONE'S IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM!
ARE YOU INSANE? THIS IS THE 28TH FLOOR! HOW DID HE GET DOWN?
NO... DID HE SLIP BY?
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD'VE GOT PAST US UNLESS IT WAS HERE!

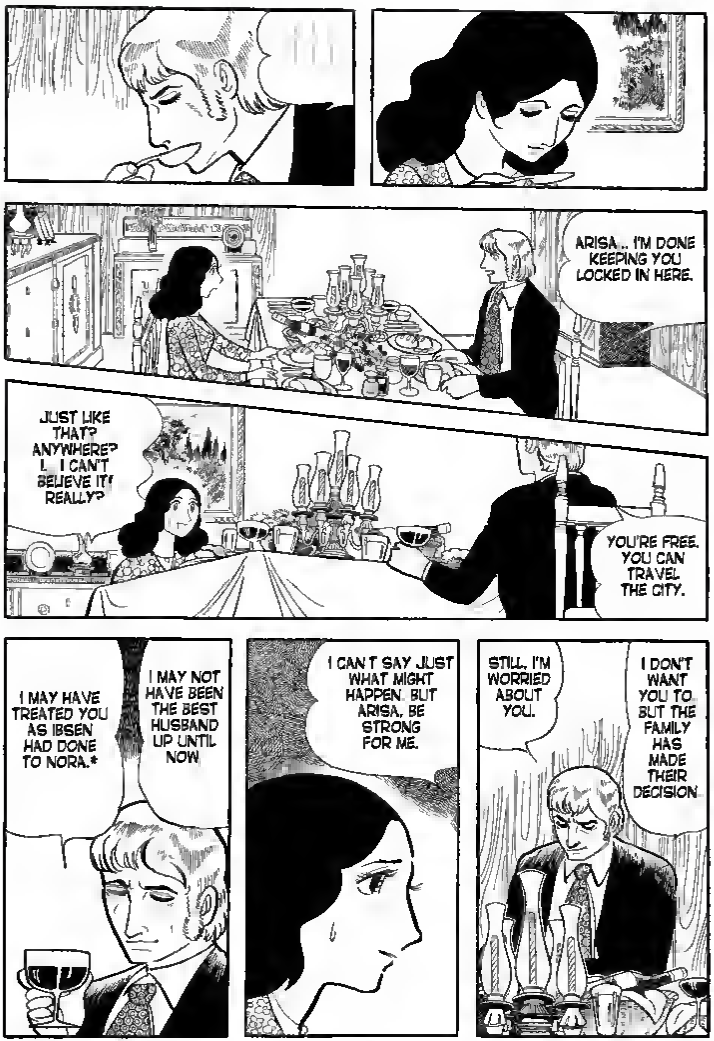

WAS I MOVING THEM AGAIN WHILE I WAS SLEEPING?
WAS I CONTROLLING THEM AGAIN... SUBCONSCIOUSLY?
CONCRETE DUST, TOO. WHAT IF I...
I JUST CLEANED THEM... NOW THERE'S ALREADY DIRT ON THEM AGAIN?

TODAY. ALBANI CO., OSAKA. ANOTHER DRIVER WAS KILLED WHEN HIS TRUCK CRASHED BACK INTO THE COMPANY WAREHOUSE AND EXPLODED INTO FLAMES.
WORKERS AT ALBANI ARE GROWING DISTRESSED WITH THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THEIR WORKING ENVIRONMENT.
DUE TO THE INCREASING FREQUENCY OF RECENT SIMILAR CASES, POLICE HAVE DISMISSED NEGLIGENCE AND ARE CONSIDERING HOMICIDE.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT! I...
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
DON'T LOOK AT ME...! IT'S THESE ARMS!
NO.. I GUESS IT IS.

THESE HANDS ARE MOVING WHILE I M ASLEEP! WHAT IF I END UP GETTING BLAMED FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE?!
NO... NOT AT ALL!
WHY ARE YOU CALLING? AREN'T THINGS GOING AS YOU WANT?
DOCTOR... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED ALL OF THIS .. CAN'T YOU STOP IT?!
BUT YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS IS CONNECTED TO YOUR CONSCIOUS. DAN CAN'T STOP ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER, I'M AFRAID.
AHA.. SO THE MURDERS WERE DONE BY YOU WHILE ASLEEP! NOW I UNDERSTAND .
SIMPLY PACK UP THOSE ARMS OF YOURS AND GIVE THEM BACK TO ME.
THERE IS ONE WAY.
DAN... THE DEPTHS OF HUMAN SUBCONSCIOUS ARE INCOMPREHENSIBLE. NO ONE IS ABLE TO CONTROL THAT PART OF THEIR MIND.
I'M NOT GIVING THESE BACK! I NEED THEM!

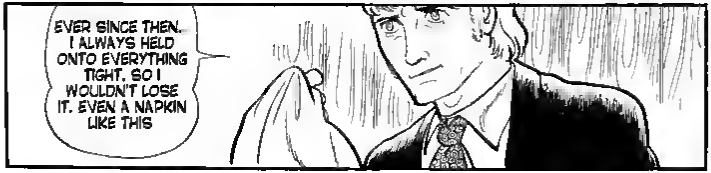

THE ONLY THING YOU REALLY CAN DO IS GIVE UP YOUR REVENGE. LEARN TO FORGIVE.
NO DAN, I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN
AND ARE JUST LAUGHING, WATCHING ME AS I FALL?
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE YOU'VE PUSHED ME OFF A CLIFF...
ARISA IS MY WIFE!
FATHER .. YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY EXPECT ME TO DO THAT!
AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY WE CAN LURE HIM OUT.. WE HAVE TO USE ARISA AS BAIT.
EDDY.. IT'S GONE ON TOO LONG ALREADY. WE NEED TO CALL DAN OUT SOMEWHERE SO WE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM.
BUT SHE'S DAN'S SISTER, TOO.

YOU KNOW THERE WERE MANY OF US IN THE FAMILY THAT DISAPPROVED
THIS IS YOUR FAULT FOR MARRYING A JAPANESE GIRL IN THE FIRST PLACE.
YOU'VE NO REGRETS? NO REGRETS AT ALL?
CAN YOU REALLY STILL SAY THAT?
BUT I LOVE ARISA! I DO!
I KNOW. I KNOW. OK!?
AT ANY RATE WE'LL GO THROUGH WITH USING ARISA AS A DECOY
I HAVE MY OWN WAY OF EXPRESSING MY LOVE.
FATHER... PLEASE DON'T BE QUICK TO JUDGE ARISA AND I.
RIGHT IN FRONT OF ARISA?!
AND FINALLY WE CAN GET RID OF THAT DAMN DAN TAKUYA!
I'LL SEND TEN OF MY BEST WITH HER
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY TO HER?


ARISA... I'M DONE KEEPING YOU LOCKED IN HERE.
JUST LIKE THAT? ANYWHERE? I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! REALLY?
YOU'RE FREE. YOU CAN TRAVEL THE CITY.
I MAY HAVE TREATED YOU AS IBSEN HAD DONE TO NORA.*
I MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE BEST HUSBAND UP UNTIL NOW
I CAN'T SAY JUST WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. BUT ARISA, BE STRONG FOR ME.
STILL, I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO, BUT THE FAMILY HAS MADE THEIR DECISION.

"IN HIS PLAY "A DOLL'S HOUSE", WHERE YOU CAN KINDA GUESS HOW NORA WAS TREATED JUST BY THE TITLE ALONE.

ALL MY BOOKS, ANY SWEETS OR... JUST EVERYTHING I HAD WAS TAKEN FROM ME BY THE OTHER CHILDREN THERE.
MY CLASSMATES RIDICULED ME FOR BEING ITALIAN...
YOU COULD PROBABLY SAY I'M NOT WELL... EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD. EVERYTHING I HAD WAS TAKEN FROM ME.

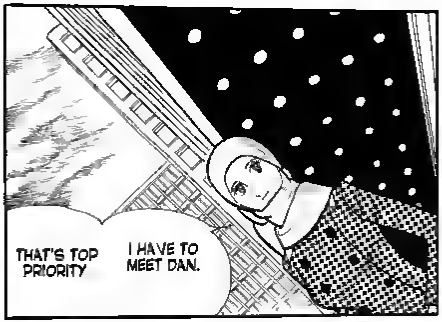

EVER SINCE THEN, I ALWAYS HELD ONTO EVERYTHING TIGHT, SO I WOULDN'T LOSE IT. EVEN A NAPKIN LIKE THIS

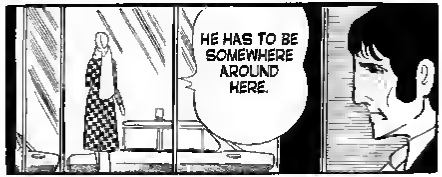
YOU KNOW I WOULD NEVER...
I COULD NEVER STOP WORRYING THAT ONE DAY YOU WERE GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM ME...
AFTER OUR WEDDING...

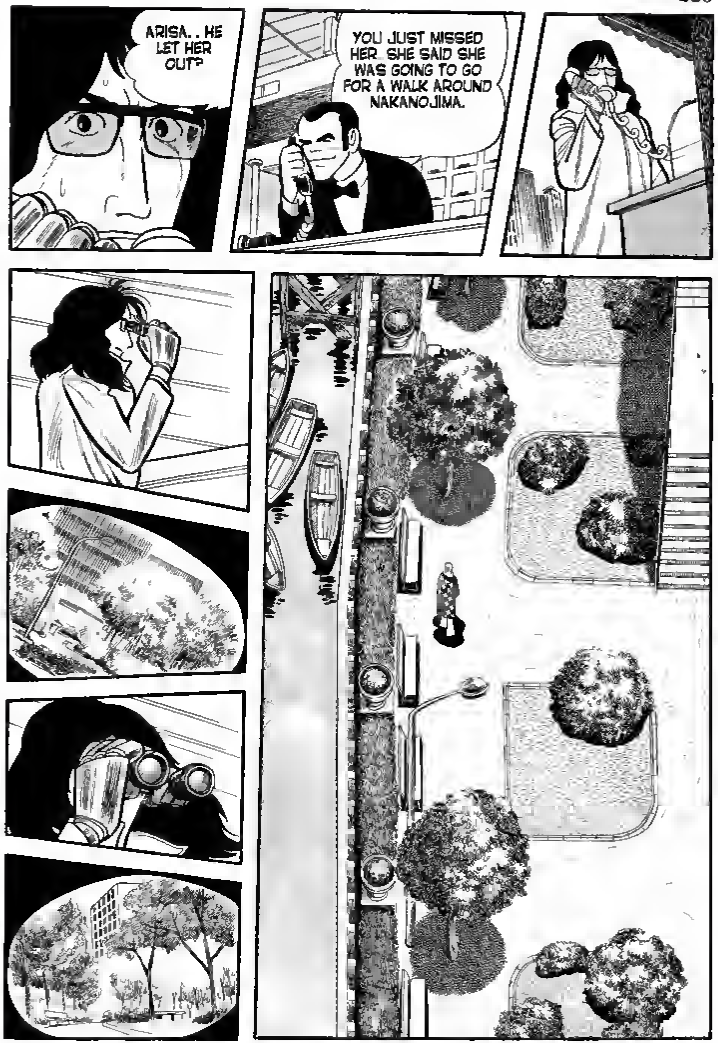
I'D HURT ANYONE WHO WOULD TRY TO COME BETWEEN US

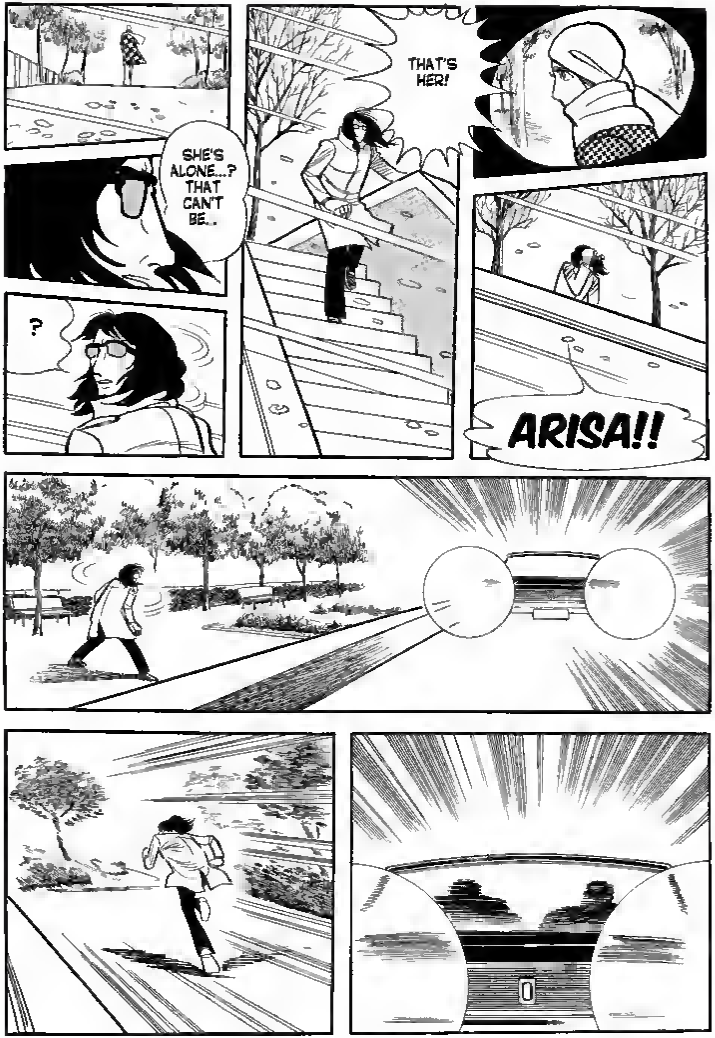
EVEN IF THAT MEANT HURTING YOUR BROTHER.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE... WHERE SHOULD I GO?
I FEEL LIKE A BIRD, JUST SET FREE FROM HER CAGE.


THAT'S TOP PRIORITY
I HAVE TO MEET DAN.


HE HAS TO BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.


ARISA.. HE LET HER OUT?
YOU JUST MISSED HER. SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO GO FOR A WALK AROUND NAKANOJIMA.


SHE'S ALONE...? THAT CAN'T BE..
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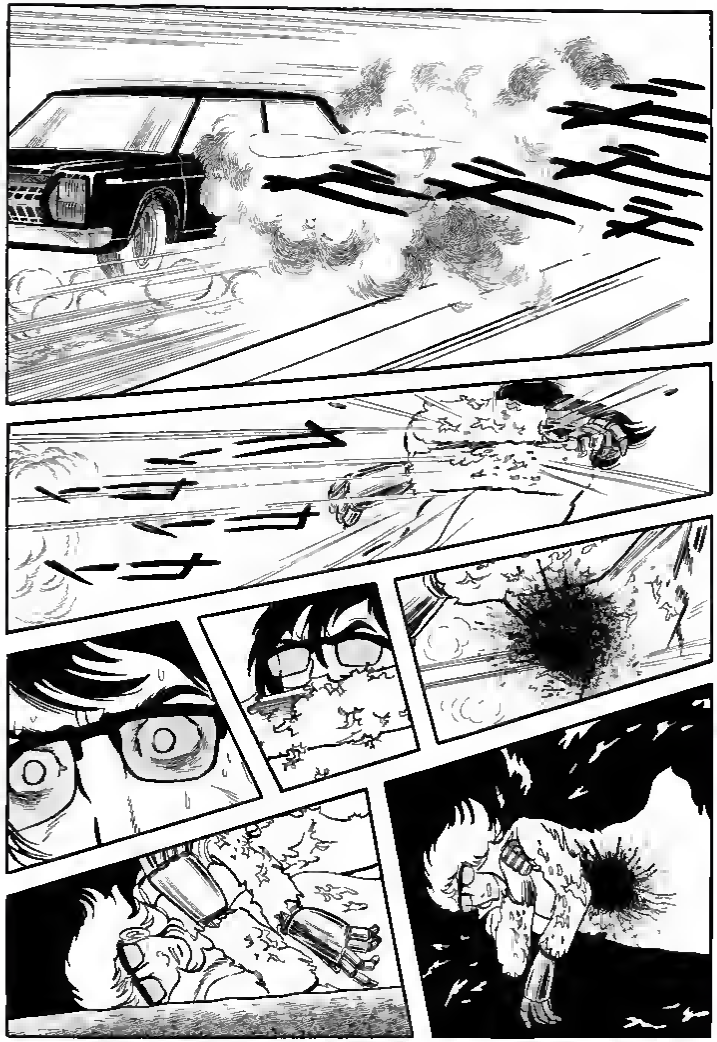
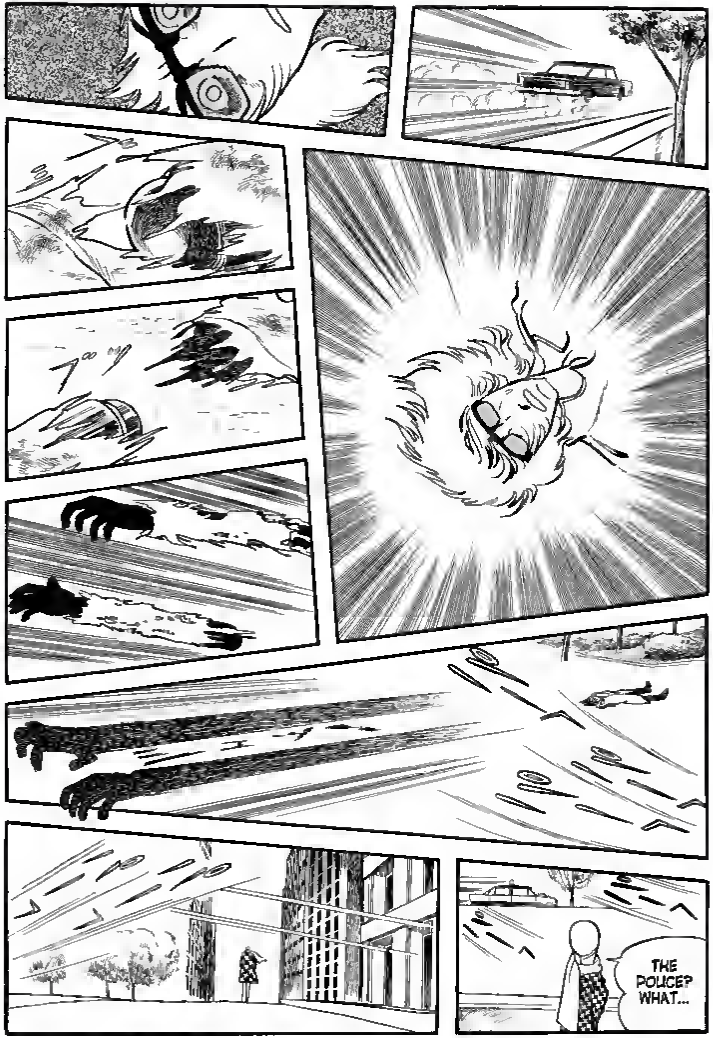
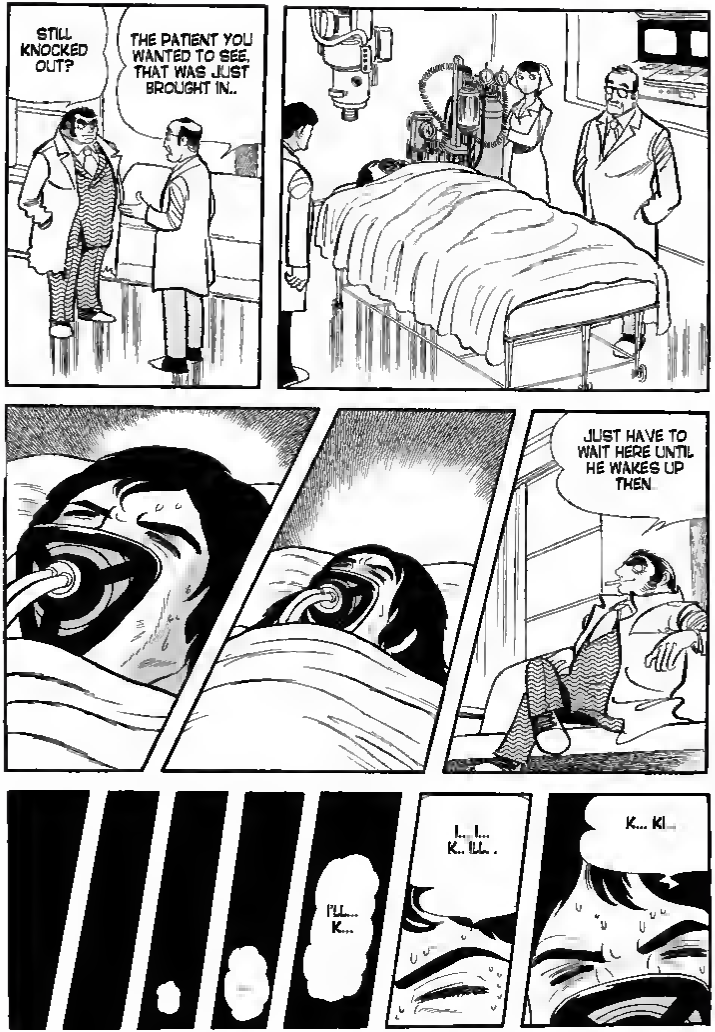
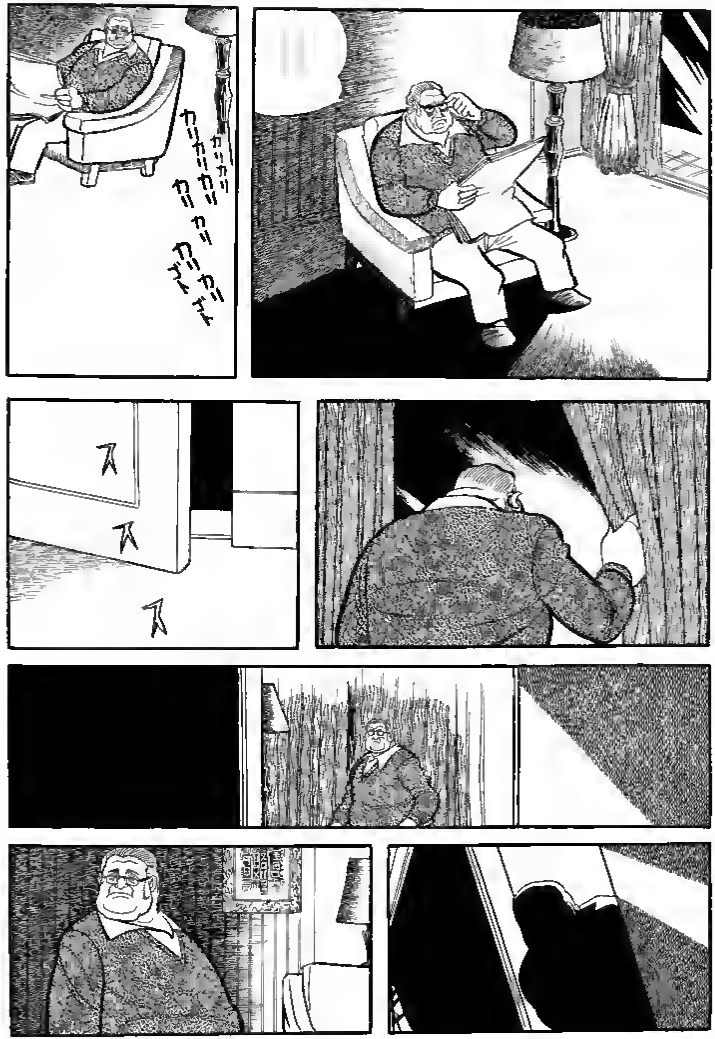
THAT'S HER!
ARISA!!

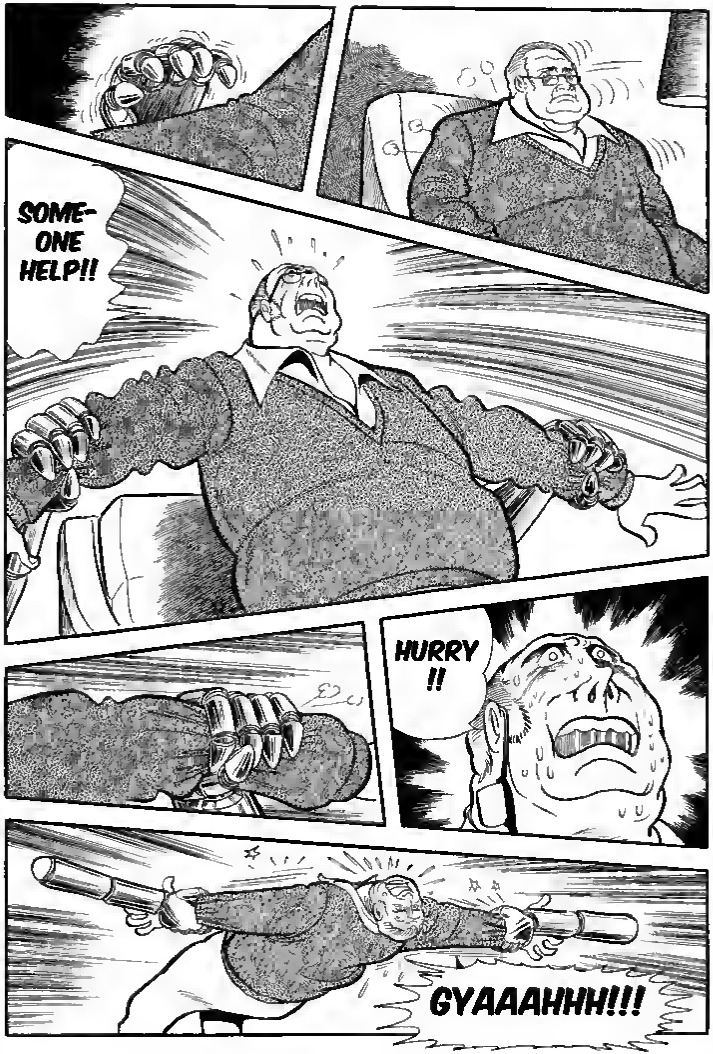



THE POLICE? WHAT...

YOU GOT HIM?
HEY GET A LOOK AT THIS...
GOOD WORK. BE SURE THAT ARISA DOESN'T GET HOLD OF TOMOR-ROW'S PAPER.
NAILED HIM. RIGHT IN THE CHEST. SIR.
WHAT ABOUT ARISA.
THANKFULLY SHE STILL HADN'T SEEN HIM... I THINK SHE DIDN'T NOTICE.
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? WE WERE MOVING THE WHOLE TIME.
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE CRUSHED IT WITH THEIR HAND
JUST THE FRONT OF THE CAR GOT THE HELL DENTED OUT OF IT.


STILL KNOCKED OUT?
THE PATIENT YOU WANTED TO SEE. THAT WAS JUST BROUGHT IN..
JUST HAVE TO WAIT HERE UNTIL HE WAKES UP THEN.
I'LL... K...
I... I... K.. I.I..
K... KI...

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ONE
HELP!!
HURRY
!!
GYAAAHHH!!!

EEEK

WHAT? SOMEONE ELSE? DEAD?
YEAH, IT'S ME.
BOSS.. IT'S FROM ALBANI.
I'M LEAVING NOW.
BOTH OF HIS ARMS ARE...
MY FATHER... THEY JUST FOUND HIM RIGHT NOW.
OUR GUY'S DONE IT AGAIN.
THEY'RE BRINGING IT UPON THEMSELVES.
BOSS.. IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE KEEPING TOO MUCH FROM US!
SEEMS LIKE WE WERE WRONG..

THERE IS ONE THING...
HAS ANYTHING CHANGED SINCE HE CAME IN?
NOT YET.
THAT PATIENT... IS HE STILL NOT AWAKE?
THERE'S REALLY NO TELLING WHY.
WHAT THIS MEANS IS HE REMAINS VERY DISTURBED EVEN WHILE UNCONSCIOUS
AND THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY RHYTHM TO IT AT ALL.
THERE'S BEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN HIS BRAIN ACTIVITY.
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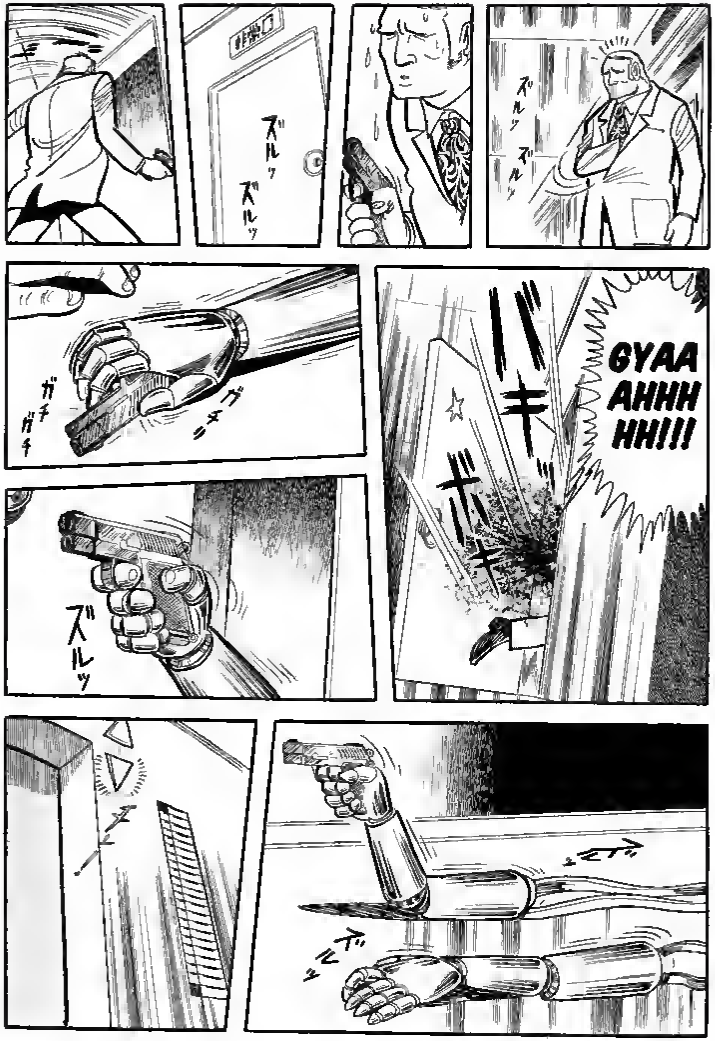
MURAKAMI INOUE YOU TWO STAY HERE. IF ANYTHING ELSE UNUSUAL HAPPENS CALL ME AT ALBANI IMMEDIATELY.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GYAA AHHH HH!!!

UWAAHH!!!
DOCTOR! THE PATIENT JUST AWOKE!

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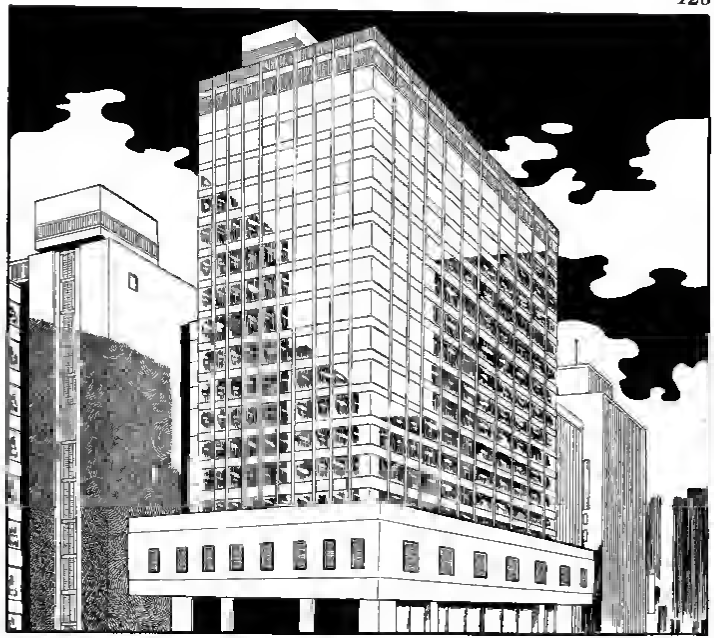
CAN YOU SEE ME? BLINK IF YOU CAN SEE ME.
PROSTHETIC ARMS MOVED ALL BY THEMSELVES AND AIMED A PISTOL AT ME? THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING CONTROLLING IT
JUST METAL AND NOTHING ELSE...
THESE ARE JUST PROSTHETIC ARMS...
THEY'RE PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING UP TO NOW...! WE HAVE TO FIND THE OWNER!
THESE ARE PROBABLY WHAT KILLED MY FATHER.

I GUESS I'LL FIGURE IT OUT NOW WHEN I TAKE THEM APART...
THE STRANGE THING IS THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE THEY HAVE ANY DEVICE IN THEM.
WAIT.
THEN HE'S GOING TO TAKE IT BACK TO US HERE.
WE'RE GOING TO SEND AN EXPERT DOWN THERE NOW TO LOOK AT IT.
YES, OF COURSE.
YOU HAVE TO SETTLE THIS FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FAMILY.
EDDY... THIS ISN'T JUST SOME GRUDGE AGAINST THE ALBANIS. THIS IS A THREAT TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
ACT CAREFULLY AND WHATEVER YOU DO, MAKE SURE THE POLICE THERE DON'T HANDLE A THING! WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS OURSELVES.

LET SOMEONE ELSE BE THE PRESIDENT HERE... I WANT TO GO BACK TO AMERICA! I HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HERE!
NO... I CAN'T... LET ME GO! I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE ANYMORE!
JUST LET ME HIDE OUT IN HONG KONG FOR AWHILE AT LEAST...
YOU'RE AN ALBANI. YOU'RE STAYING IN JAPAN!
LISTEN TO YOU... HAVE YOU NO PRIDE?
THIS KIND OF COWARDICE WON'T BE ALLOWED. DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ALBANI CODE!
THIS IS EMBARRASSING JUST TO LISTEN TO YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
YOU'RE THE HEIR TO THE ALBANI NAME, EDDY.



WHOEVER WE'RE DEALING WITH KEEPS GETTING MORE AND MORE PRECISE.. STARTS WITH WORKERS, MOVES TO RELATIVES... LAST IS YOU.

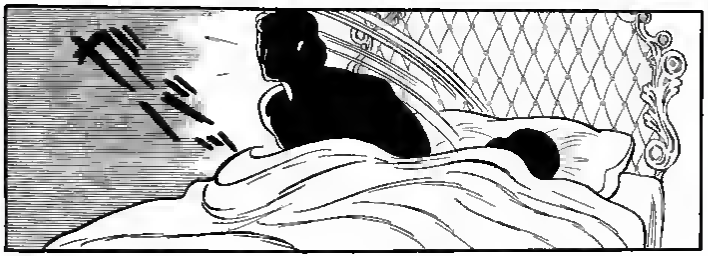
THIS MAKES NUMBER FIVE, ALBANI

YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE THAT MUCH LONGER, MR. ALBANI.
I TOLD YOU THIS WAS PERSONAL... AND THE PERSON OUR GUY WANTS IS YOU.
THIS ISN'T SOME INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE COMPANY'S, NOW IS IT?

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
NOW IS THE TIME, ALBANI. DON'T JUST CALL ME EACH TIME SOMEBODY'S KILLED.. LET ME TAKE CARE OF THE CASE. WOULDN'T THAT BE NICE?

IF YOU WERE TO TALK.
I THINK YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MUCH I COULD HELP...

IT BREAKS MY HEART THAT I'M GONNA HAVE TO WATCH YOU GET YOUR ARMS RIPPED OFF.

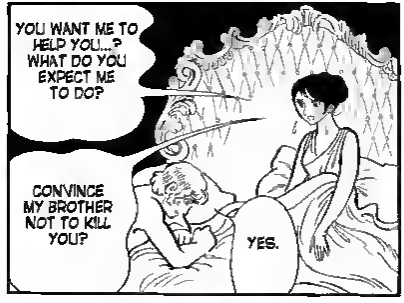


EDDY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARISA...
EDDY... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.
ARISA, SOMEONE'S TRYING TO KILL ME!

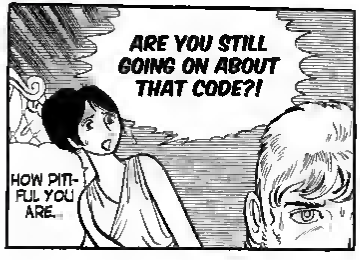
I'LL TALK. THIS TIME, EVERYTHING.
OK.
ARISA... I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS... YOU HAVE TO HELP ME!
HELP YOU WITH WHAT...?!
YOU DID THAT..?
TO DAN?!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO THINK OF YOU NOW?
THAT'S WHY WE NEED OUR CODE. AND THERE IS NO WAY TO FORGIVE ANYONE WHO BREAKS THAT CODE!
THE TRUTH IS, I'M WEAK. ALL OF US ARE WEAK.
I DIDN'T WANT TO ARISA. BUT WE HAVE A CODE. AN IRON CODE!

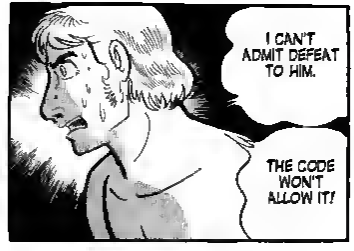
ALL THE TIMES YOU HIT ME...
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
MY BROTHER WENT THROUGH ALL THAT AND YOU NEVER EVEN TRIED TO SPEAK UP FOR HIM?

YOU TORE HIS ARMS OFF... YOU DID ALL THAT TO HIM..
YOU THINK HE'LL FORGIVE YOU IF I ASK HIM TO?


YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU...? WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO?
CONVINCE MY BROTHER NOT TO KILL YOU?
YES.

NO.
AND YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE. TRULY AROLOGIZE!!
YOU HAVE TO MEET HIM... YOU HAVE TO TALK TO HIM!

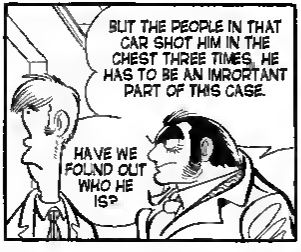

ARE YOU STILL GOING ON ABOUT THAT CODE?!
HOW PITIFUL YOU ARE..


I CAN'T ADMIT DEFEAT TO HIM.
THE CODE WON'T ALLOW IT!

IN EXCHANGE, IF I AM ABLE TO GET THROUGH TO HIM, I EXPECT YOU TO MEET HIM AS WELL.

LAUGH AT ME IF YOU NEED TO... I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND.. OUR BACKGROUNDS ARE TOO DIFFERENT...

ALRIGHT EDDY, I'LL PUT AN AD IN THE PAPER. I'LL TELL MY BROTHER I WANT TO MEET HIM.

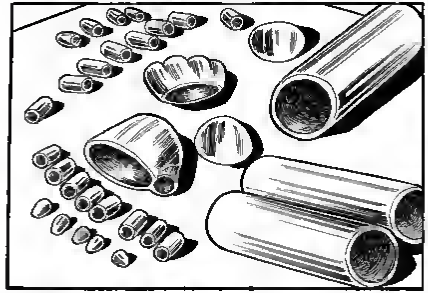

BUT THE PEOPLE IN THAT CAR SHOT HIM IN THE CHEST THREE TIMES. HE HAS TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS CASE.
HAVE WE FOUND OUT WHO HE IS?

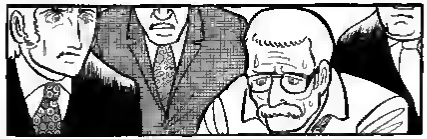
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S COMPLETELY LOST HIS MEMORY WE CAN'T GET ANYTHING FROM HIM.

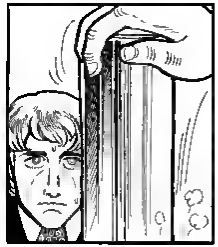
SHOULD WE GO PUBLIC WITH IT ?
WE WON'T FINISH THIS CASE UNTIL THAT BACKGROUND CHECK GOES THROUGH.

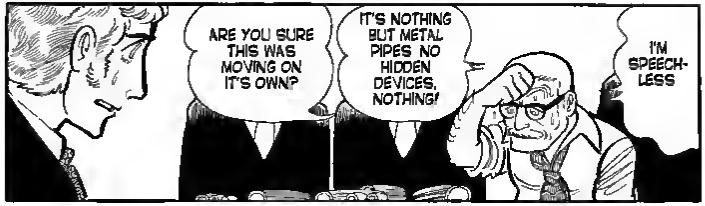
Yoshihiro Watsuki at Hinomaru Yamada
Fujio Akazuka. Don't overwork yourself. -Dad.
Dearest Brother Waiting for you. Call Hotel Osaka Rm 4025 -Arisa

"THIS IS YOSHIHIRO TATSUMI, AUTHOR OF "A DRIFTING LIFE", OTHERS

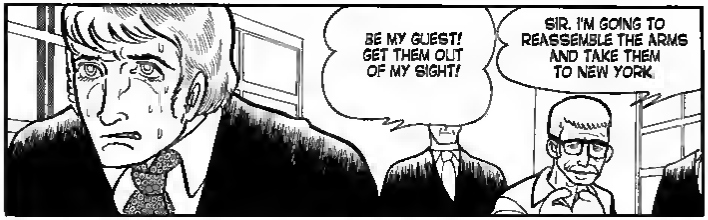


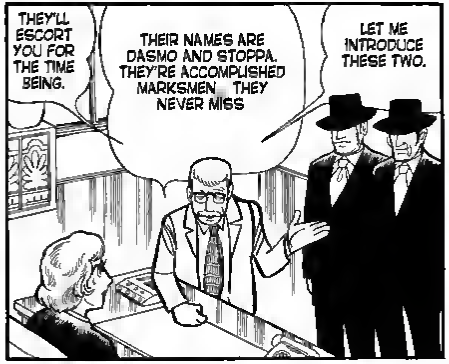






THERE'S NO WAY IT POSSIBLY COULD MOVE! MIGHT AS WELL BE A MANNEQUIN
I WANT TO BELIEVE YOU, BUT...
YOU DON'T BELIEVE US? IT WAS HOLDING A PISTOL RIGHT AT MR ALBANI'S CHEST!



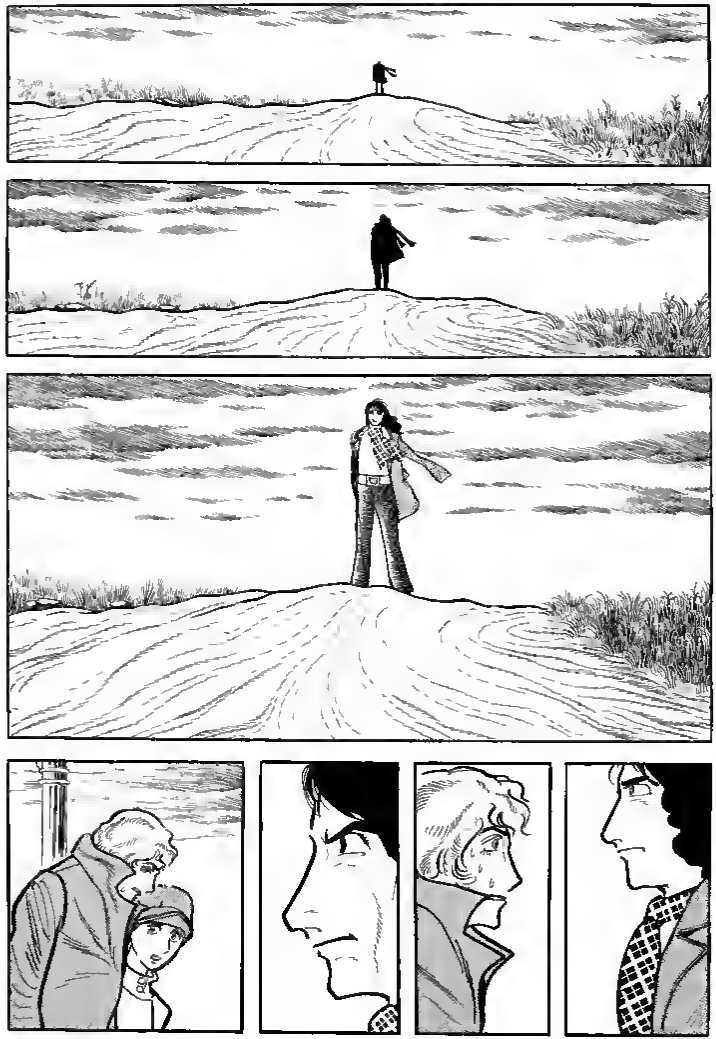

THEY'LL ESCORT YOU FOR THE TIME BEING.
THEIR NAMES ARE DASMO AND STOPPA. THEY'RE ACCOMPLISHED MARKSMEN. THEY NEVER MISS
LET ME INTRODUCE THESE TWO.

DAN!
YOUR ARMS...

I DIDN'T CARE WHAT PRICE THAT CAME AT...
I SWORE REVENGE AGAINST EDDY
WELL, NOT UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO
HE DIDN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING?!
ARISA, BELIEVE ME. DO YOU THINK I WOULD KILL PEOPLE LIKE THAT? I JUST WANT TO FIGHT EDDY FAIRLY.
YOU WOULDN'T LIE TO ME RIGHT?
NO! THAT WASN'T ME. EDDY'S THE ONLY ONE I WANT!
SO.. YOU DID KILL THOSE PEOPLE..
THEY ACTED ON THEIR OWN THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY-THING!
YOUR ARMS...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THOSE PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY MY ARMS...
I WAS ABLE TO MOVE THOSE ARMS WITH SOMETHING CALLED PK ENERGY. JUST, BEFORE I KNEW IT, I STARTED MOVING THE ARMS WHILE I WAS ASLEEP. I COULDN'T CONTROL THEM!
DAN... HOW AN I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE A SILLY STORY LIKE THAT?

IF I HAD TRIED TO STOP THAT HATRED .. IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE RECOILED .. AND MY ARMS WOULD'VE WENT FOR ME!
MY SUBCONSCIOUS IS OVERWHELMED WITH HATRED! THAT'S WHY THE ARMS MOVED! AGAINST MY WILL, ORDERED BY MY SUBCONSCIOUS THOUGHTS!
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT!
DAN.. YOU'RE IN SO MUCH PAIN ..
NOW I REALIZE... THOSE ARMS ARE LIKE SOME MONSTER!
DAN .. IF EDDY CAME HERE AND APOLOGIZED .. ASKED YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR EVERY-THING...
I AM... I.. AT FIRST ALL I CARED ABOUT WAS REVENGE BUT NOW .. I DON'T WANT TO KILL ANY MORE PEOPLE THAN I ALREADY HAVE!
EDDY AND I WANT TO AT LEAST DO THAT MUCH FOR YOU...
IF HE VOWED TO MAKE UP FOR IT THE REST OF HIS LIFE?
COULD YOU?

TIME FOR THE CURTAIN CALL.
WE'RE LISTENING IN ON THEM NOW.
THERE HE IS, EDDY...



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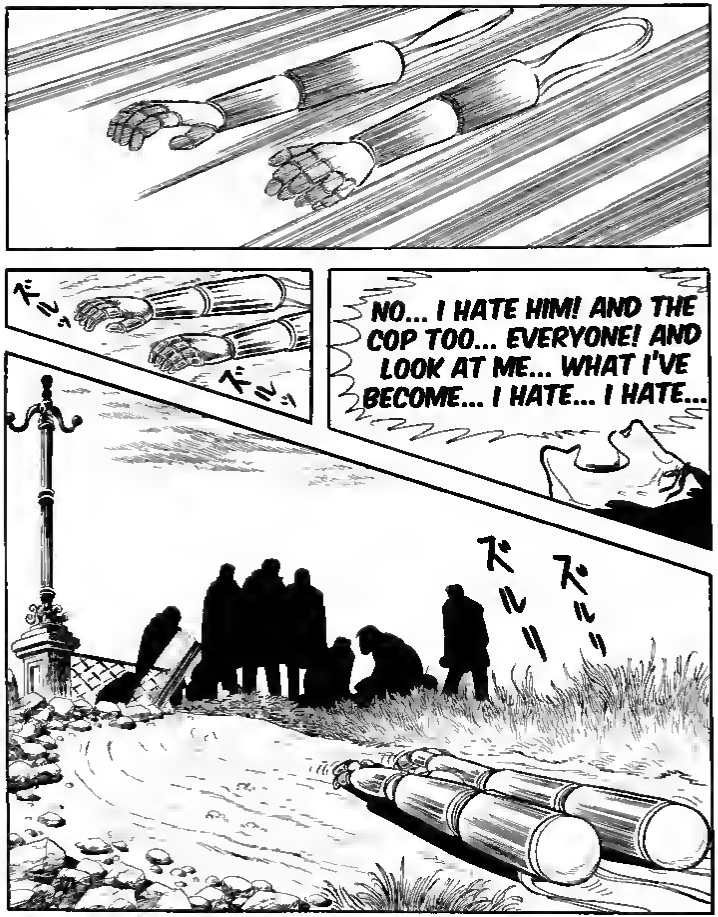
IT'S A TRAP!!
DAN! GET DOWN!

WHAT... WHAT'VE YOU DONE...
WHAT DID YOU SHOOT ARISA FOR?!
WHY DID YOU SHOOT?!
JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS.
OUR APOLOGIES, SIR...
COME OUT !!!
YOUR WIFE NEEDED TO DIE ALONG WITH DAN.
WHEN WE REPORTED THIS TO THE FAMILY IT WAS DECIDED ...
WE LEARNED THAT YOU WERE GOING TO BEG DAN TAKUYA FOR FORGIVENESS AFTER WE HAD YOUR BEDROOM BUGGED.

EDD...Y.. THI...S MEAN...S YOU'RE A TRA...ITOR... NOW YOU K..NOW...
WHAT ABOUT THE TWO JAPANESE?
THEY'RE ALIVE, BUT BARELY. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE THEM IF WE GET THEM TO A HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW
TRYING TO ARREST A FOREIGNER ON SUSPICION USUALLY PROVES TO BE A LOT OF TROUBLE.. BUT CLEAN UP LIKE THIS FOR US AND WE'VE GOT NO PROBLEMS.
EDWARD ALBANI, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

I HATE HIM... I HATE HIM!
LET ME... LET ME KILL HIM!!!
THEY'LL MAKE IT?
WHY DID I COME HERE... I...?!
NO... I CAN'T HAVE MY REVENGE END HERE! AFTER ALL I'VE BEEN THROUGH... AFTER ALL THIS TIME...!!!
ANYTHING YOU NEED TO GET OFF YOUR CHEST YOU CAN SAY IN COURT.
THANKS FOR THE OFFER, BUT NO.
DAN... I KNOW IT'S HARD... I KNOW WHAT YOU FEEL... BUT FORGIVE EDDY...
DAN...
I RUIN MY LIFE... DESTROY ARISA'S HAPPINESS...
YOU HAVE TO... FORGIVE HIM.



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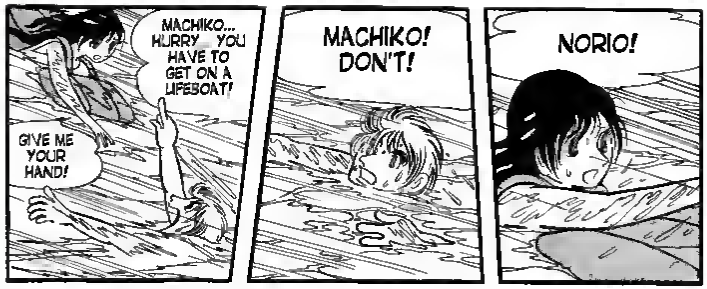
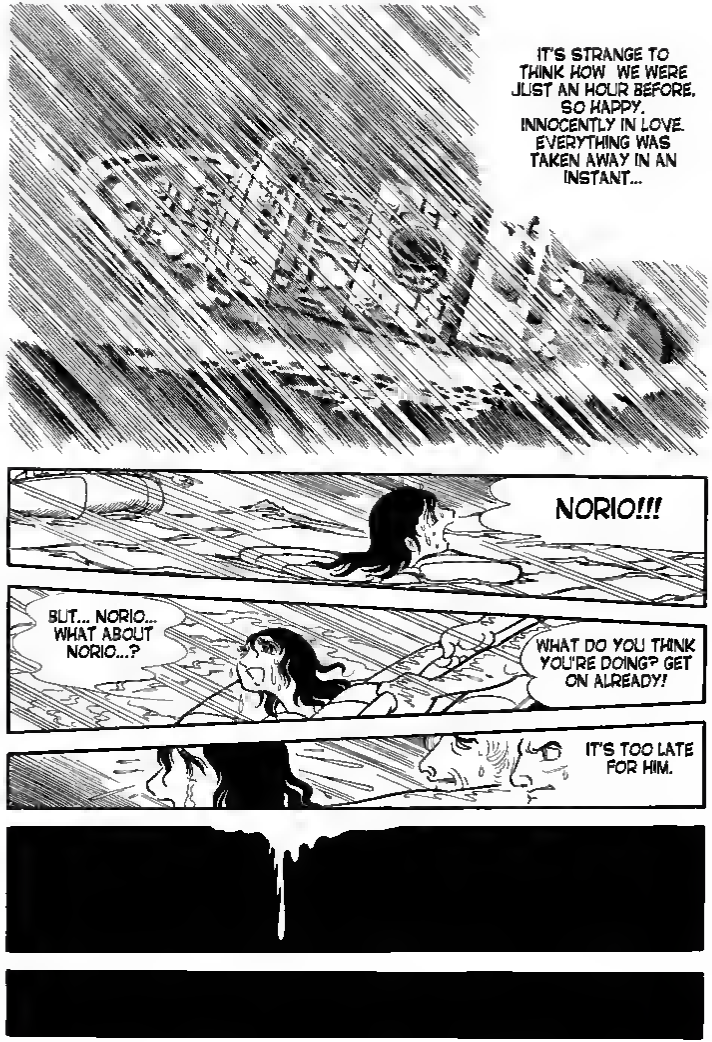

MACHIKO... HURRY... YOU HAVE TO GET ON A LIFEBOAT!
GIVE ME YOUR HAND!
MACHIKO! DON'T!
NORIO!

AHHH!!!

NORIO ...?
MY EYES, I...!

THE FIRST TIME IT HAPPENED WAS THE NIGHT WE WERE RESCUED.
TRY TO CALM DOWN. NO ONE'S THERE!
CAN'T YOU SEE HIM...? HE'S RIGHT THERE! HE'S DROWNING..!
NO!!
...?
NORIO... THAT WALL... HE'S THERE!


IT'S STRANGE TO THINK HOW WE WERE JUST AN HOUR BEFORE. SO HAPPY. INNOCENTLY IN LOVE. EVERYTHING WAS TAKEN AWAY IN AN INSTANT...
NORIO!!!
BUT... NORIO... WHAT ABOUT NORIO...?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? GET ON ALREADY!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR HIM.

NO... HE'S RIGHT THERE! WHERE YOU ARE!
YOU'RE JUST POINTING TO A WALL.
HERE?
..BUT IT HAPPENED AGAIN.
NORIO!! PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
WHY WAS I THE ONLY ONE SAVED..
MUST BE AN ILLUSION CREATED BY SHOCK.
POOR GIRL.
WHEREVER THERE WAS A WHITE SURFACE...

THERE WAS NORIO.
EVEN.. EVEN ON MY BED!
NORIO!!
LET'S FORGET IT. OK?
MACHIKO. FORGIVE YOURSELF ALREADY.
HOW ABOUT WE SEE A MOVIE? TAKE YOUR MIND OFF
SHE'S RIGHT! YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, YOU KNOW!
YOU NEED TO ENJOY YOURSELF.
THANK YOU...

MAKES IT MORE THAN JUST SOME TYPICAL KIND OF NEUROSIS.
HMM...
NORMALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE TROUBLED BY ILLUSIONS CAN SEE THEM IN THE DARK, OR IF THEY CLOSE THEIR EYES.
THE FACT THAT IT ONLY APPEARS IN WHITE PLACES...
AHH!!!
CAN YOU SEE IT HERE?
YES..
NO!

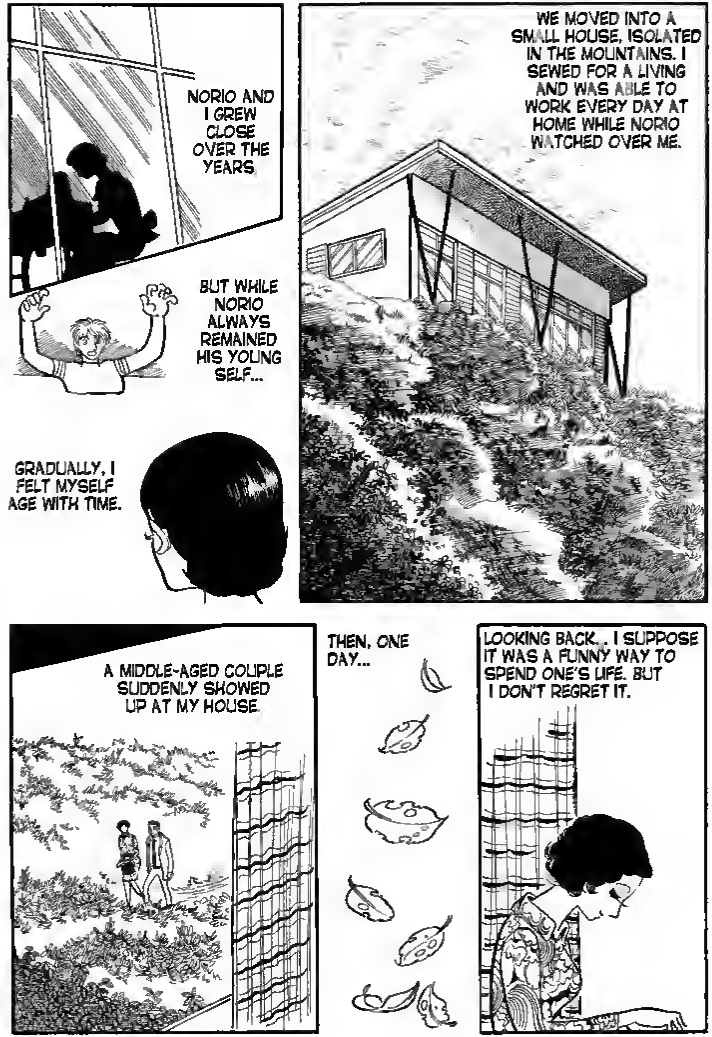
WAIT A SECONO.
IS THERE NO WAY TO CURE IT...?
SURGERY WON'T WORK. YOU'D NEED SOME KIND OF EYEBALL TRANSPLANT BUT UNFORTU-NATELY THOSE DON'T EXIST.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE FIGURE OF A DROWNING MAN HAS BEEN BURNED ONTO YOUR CORNEA. YOU SAID THERE WAS A STRONG FLASH OF LIGHT THE MOMENT YOU LAST SAW HIM. CORRECT? YOUR EYES ACTED LIKE A CAMERA...
THAT SCENE WAS CAPTURED LIKE AN ETERNAL PHOTOGRAPH. IT'S AN INCREDIBLY RARE PHENOMENON.
DON'T THINK TO HARD ABOUT IT.
SORRY TO SAY, BUT... I'M AFRAID SO. ALL I CAN SAY IS..
SO I'LL BE LIKE THIS... FOREVER?

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?
GOOD MORNING.
COULD YOU MOVE FOR A BIT?
NORIO, I'M TRYING TO CLEAN!
I WAS SO SCARED OF YOU BEFORE BUT... I THINK THINGS MIGHT BE OK NOW.
BUT I ALREADY HAVE NORIO...
MACHIKO, YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE. I KNOW SOMEBODY GOOD. LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TWO!
MACHIKO... YOU NEED TO MOVE ON! FORGET ABOUT NORIO!
I HAD TRIED FOR SUCH A LONG TIME TO RUN AWAY. BUT AFTER I REALIZED THAT I COULDN'T, I GREW COMFORTABLE WITH NORIO'S PRESENCE. EVENTUALLY I EVEN STARTED TO APPRECIATE ALWAYS HAVING SOMEONE RIGHT BESIDE ME.

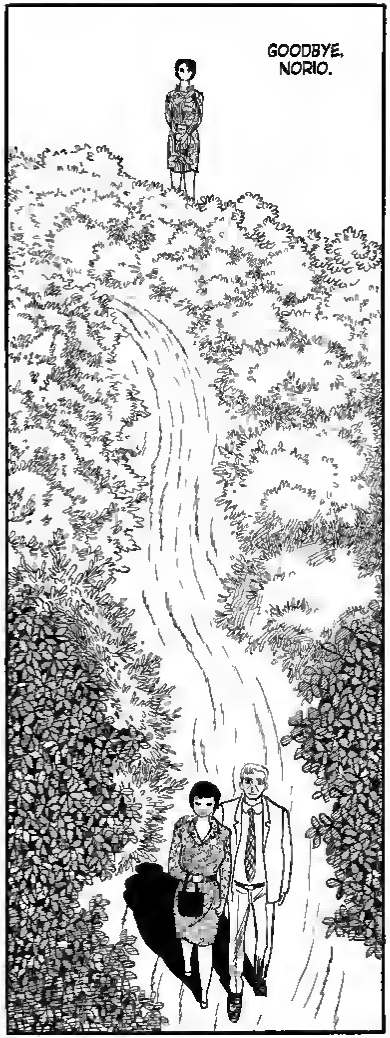
YOU DON'T WANT TO HAUNT ME. DO YOU...?
TRY TO LOOK LIKE YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS SO SAD.
GOOD NIGHT, NORIO.
NORIO... I FEEL ASHAMED TO DO SO. BUT... TO GO ON LIVING.. I JUST HAVE TO ASSUME THAT YOU'D FORGIVE ME.
OH, THERE YOU ARE.
NORIO...
NORIO?!

JUST TRY. MEETING SOMEONE NEW WILL HELP YOU FORGET
NORIO, DON'T!
?
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, NORIO...
UMM...
?
I'M SORRY... I...
NORIO... WHY ARE YOU SO UPSET...? I'M SORRY NORIO, I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU...

THEN ONE DAY I FOUND I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH NORIO'S SHADOW.
I STILL CONSIDERED MARRIAGE ON A FEW OTHER OCCASIONS...
?
BUT NORIO STOPPED ME EVERY TIME
FROM THAT DAY ON, I MADE MY DECISION.
IF ANYONE ELSE EVER WERE TO KNOW, I'M SURE THEY WOULD LOOK DOWN ON ME. BUT THE TRUTH IS I WAS HAPPY WITH NORIO.

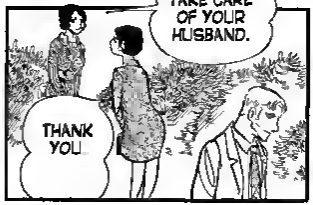

NORIO AND I GREW CLOSE OVER THE YEARS.
BUT WHILE NORIO ALWAYS REMAINED HIS YOUNG SELF...
GRADUALLY, I FELT MYSELF AGE WITH TIME.
WE MOVED INTO A SMALL HOUSE, ISOLATED IN THE MOUNTAINS. I SEWED FOR A LIVING AND WAS ABLE TO WORK EVERY DAY AT HOME WHILE NORIO WATCHED OVER ME.
A MIDDLE-AGED COUPLE SUDDENLY SHOWED UP AT MY HOUSE.
THEN, ONE DAY...
LOOKING BACK.. I SUPPOSE IT WAS A FUNNY WAY TO SPEND ONE'S LIFE. BUT I DON'T REGRET IT.

GOOD AFTER-NOON..?
SHOULD WE ASK SOME-ONE?
THIS.. I THINK THIS IS IT...
THE ONLY THING HE SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO RECALL IS A CERTAIN GIRL...
MAYBE IN HER 20'S.. I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH.
PLEASE EXCUSE US TO SHOW UP UNEXPECTEDLY LIKE THIS. MY HUSBAND LOST HIS MEMORY IN A SHIPWRECK MANY YEARS AGO..
YOU'RE... HIS WIFE?
YES.
WE MANAGED TO TRACE THE REMNANTS OF HIS PAST TO THIS HOUSE. YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO..


GOODBYE, NORIO.

I'M SORRY I... DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO WAS IN A SHIP-WRECK.

I'VE LIVED HERE QUIETLY WITH MY HUSBAND FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.


TAKE CARE OF YOUR HUSBAND.
THANK YOU.

THIS IS FOR THE BEST. WE'LL BOTH BE HAPPIEST THIS WAY.

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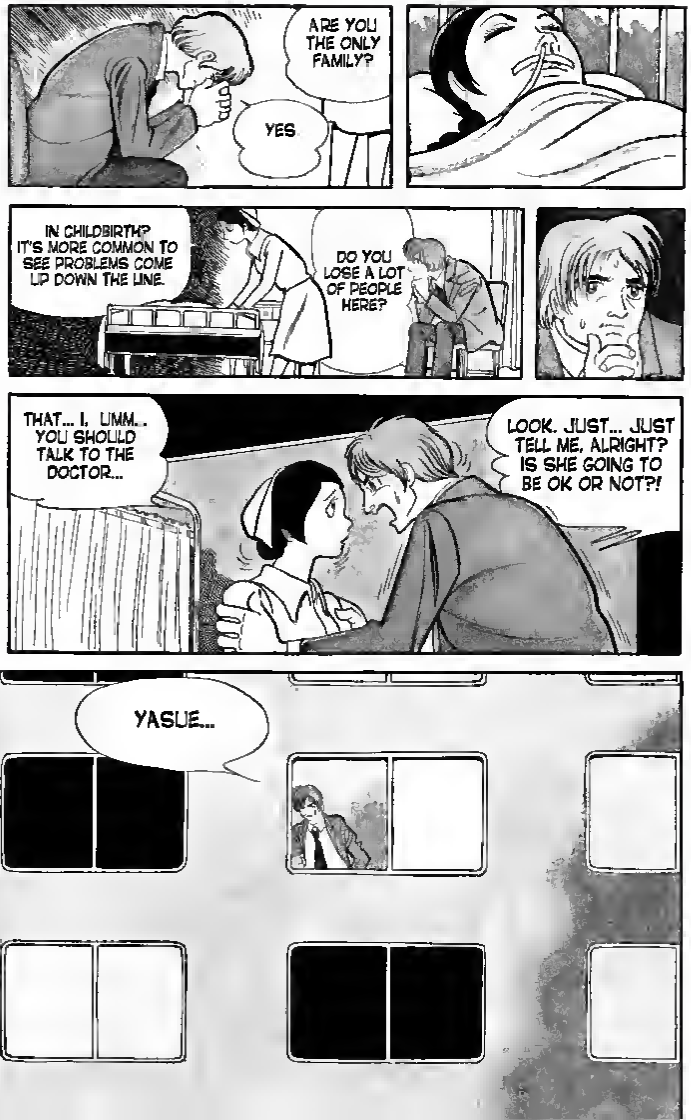
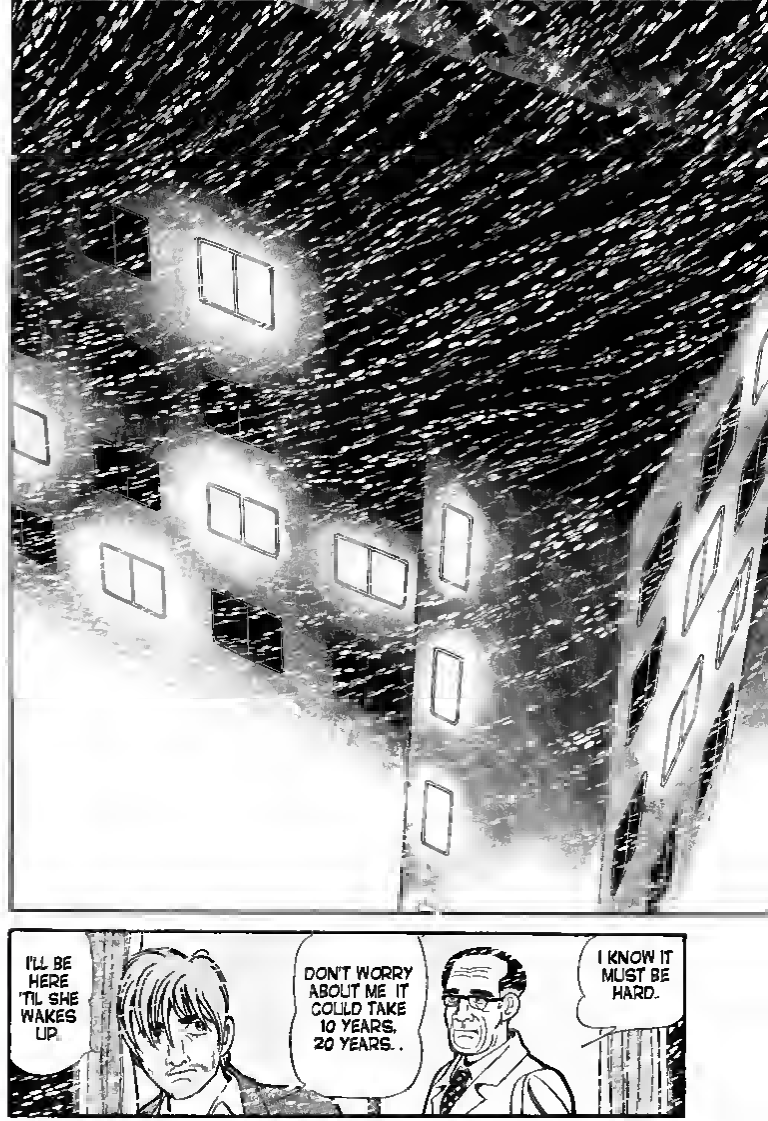
YASUE!
YASUE!
THE DELIVERY UNFORTUNATELY HAD MANY MORE COMPLICATIONS THAN EXPECTED
IT COULD STILL BE A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE MOTHER RECOVERS ...
YASUE... OPEN YOUR EYES.. PLEASE...
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR BABY? YASUE..
DOESN'T LOOK GOOD. MIGHT BE TOO LATE.
BLOOD PRESSURE'S DROPPING PREPARE THE RESPIRATOR.

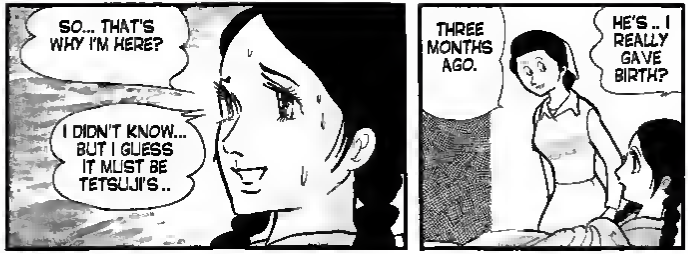

ARE YOU THE ONLY FAMILY?
YES
IN CHILDBIRTH? IT'S MORE COMMON TO SEE PROBLEMS COME UP DOWN THE LINE.
DO YOU LOSE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE?
THAT... I, UMM.. YOU SHOULD TALK TO THE DOCTOR...
LOOK. JUST... JUST TELL ME, ALRIGHT? IS SHE GOING TO BE OK OR NOT?!
YASUE...

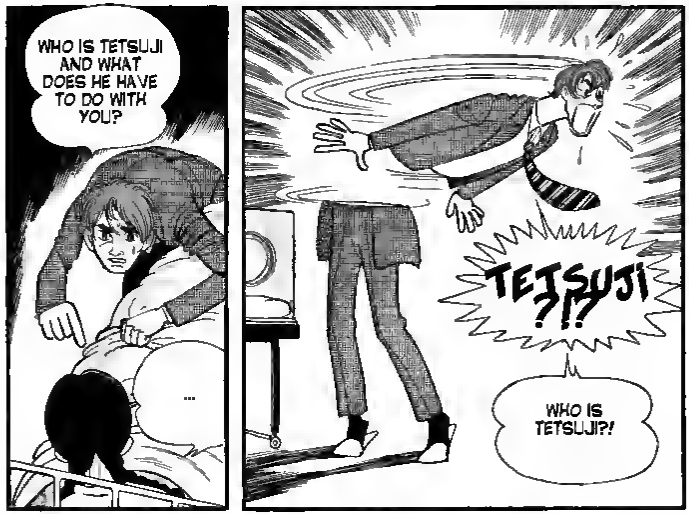
SHE'S OUT OF THE COMA.
IT'S OTANI... SIR!
IT'S STILL TOO SOON TO TALK TO HER.
YASUE... IT'S ME. DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
SHE'LL NEED SOME TIME.
I WANT TO BE BACK ON THE STAGE WITH YOU AGAIN TOO.
YASUE, EVERYONE FROM THE TROUPE IS ANXIOUS TO SEE YOU.
WHEN IT GETS TO BE SPRING...
BUT IT WON'T BE THAT LONG, RIGHT? SHE'S FINE, RIGHT?
IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY
WE'LL TAKE OUR SON ON A TOUR.
VAN: ACTING TROUPE "CONSTELLATION"

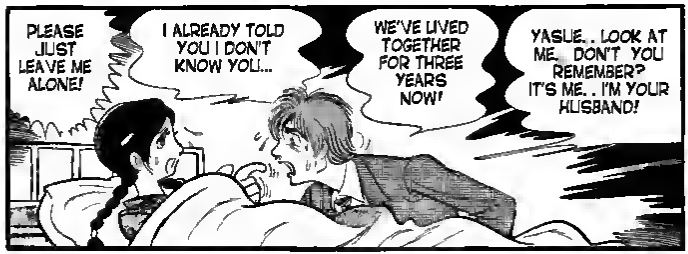

I'LL BE HERE 'TIL SHE WAKES UP.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. IT COULD TAKE 10 YEARS, 20 YEARS...
I KNOW IT MUST BE HARD.

SHE... WHAT ?!
SHE SAYS SHE'S NOT YASUE OTANI?!
COULD THE COMA HAVE...?
SHE SAID THAT... SHE HERSELF DID?
OK. RIGHT. I'M COMING NOW!
SHE'S PROBABLY JUST STILL... YOU CHECKED? MULTIPLE TIMES?
YASUE. DON'T TEASE THE GOOD DOCTOR.
YASUE, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
I'VE NEVER MET YOU.
I'M YOUR HUS-BAND !!
WHO ARE YOU?

HOTTA?
YASUE, YOU DON'T REMEMBER WHY YOU'RE HERE?
WHERE AM I? HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN HERE?
MY NAME ISN'T YASUE. IT'S MINAKO HOTTA.
YOU JUST GAVE BIRTH TO OUR BEAUTIFUL SON...
HE'S RIGHT HERE. YASUE. HE'S WEAK RIGHT NOW... BUT HE'S YOUR FLESH AND BLOOD!
SON? I DEFINITELY DO NOT HAVE A SON
I'LL SHOW YOU.


SO... THAT'S WHY I'M HERE?
I DIDN'T KNOW... BUT I GUESS IT MUST BE TETSUJI'S..
THREE MONTHS AGO.
HE'S .. I REALLY GAVE BIRTH?


WHO IS TETSUJI AND WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO DO WITH YOU?
...
TETSUJI ?!?
WHO IS TETSUJI?!


PLEASE JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW YOU...
WE'VE LIVED TOGETHER FOR THREE YEARS NOW!
YASUE.. LOOK AT ME.. DON'T YOU REMEMBER? IT'S ME.. I'M YOUR HUSBAND!

HER BRAIN-WAVES ARE NORMAL. HER BODY IS STILL WEAK BUT...
MENTALLY SHE SHOULD BE STABLE.
IS SHE... INSANE?
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF...
AT FIRST I THOUGHT SOME KIND OF TOXEMIA AFFECTED HER BRAIN.
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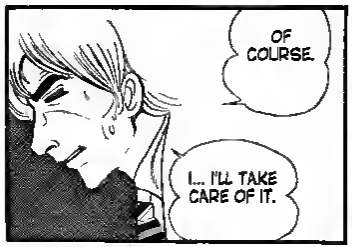
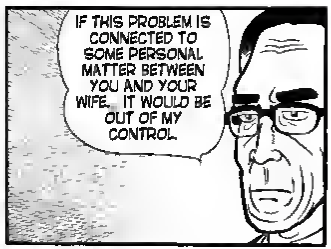

OF COURSE.
I... I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

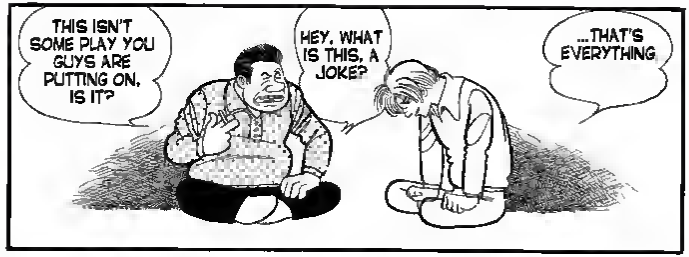

IF THIS PROBLEM IS CONNECTED TO SOME PERSONAL MATTER BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR WIFE... IT WOULD BE OUT OF MY CONTROL.

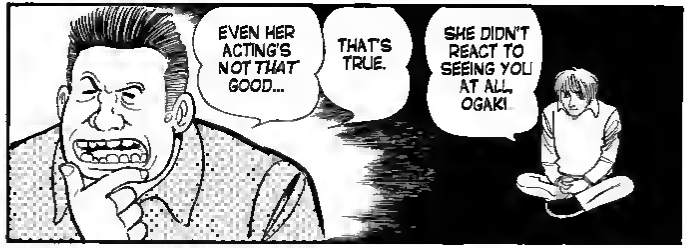
IS IT COMING BACK TO YOU?
LOOK! YOUR SANDALS, AND YOUR UMBRELLA!
THE CHIME WE HUNG HERE.
THE GAR-DEN.
WHERE'S ALL MY COOKWARE?
THE KITC-HEN...?
CUT IT OUT ALREADY!
I DON'T KNOW...
SHOULDN'T IT BE THERE?
THIS ISN'T MY KITCHEN!
IT'S NOT!

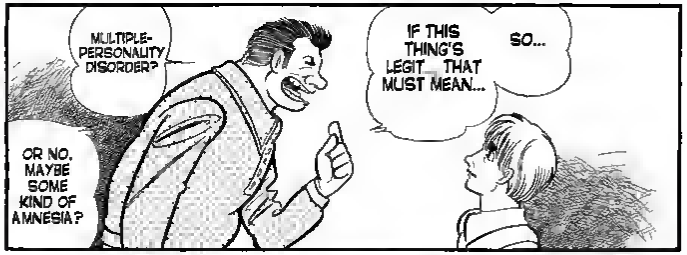
"PUT YOU THROUGH THIS?"
HOW CAN YOU...
WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER DO? HAVE "TETSUJI" COME AND EXPLAIN THINGS?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE STEPPED INTO THIS HOUSE IN MONTHS. CAN'T YOU ACT A LITTLE HAPPY?
THIS ISN'T MY HOUSE. WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO PUT ME THROUGH THIS?
WELL, MS. HOTTA, IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES, MY WIFE, YASUE OTANI, KEEPS HER THINGS IN THE CLOSET IN THE NEXT ROOM.
THIS IS TOO MUCH.

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON EITHER RIGHT NOW BUT I THOUGHT AT LEAST...
FOR ME? WHY?
THIS IS JUST THE WAY YASUE MADE IT.
YASUE...
DON'T...
ST...
STOP!

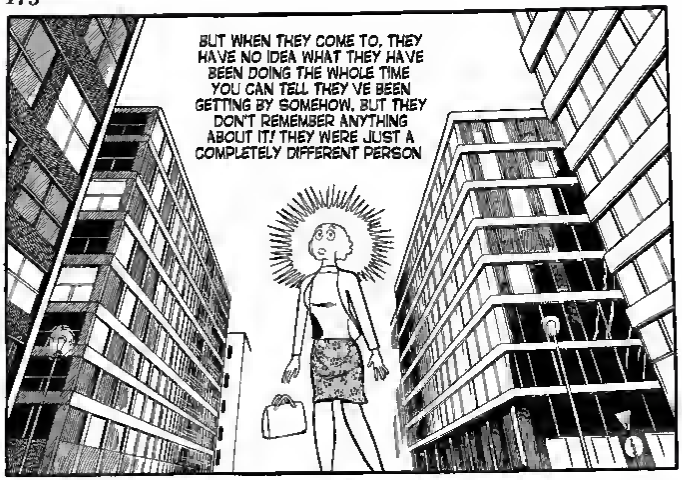
NO... STOP! PLEASE, PLEASE!
I LOVE YOU...
YASUE... CAN'T I AT LEAST HAVE A KISS? IT'S BEEN SO LONG. . I'VE WAITED, YASUE...
YASUE...
WAIT. THIS ISN'T YASUE. SHE'S A DIFFERENT PERSON.
YASUE! YOU LOOK GREAT!
WHAT ..?
..SO.. WHAT DO YOU LOOK SO DOWN FOR?
HEARD YOUR WIFE'S OUT!
OTANI, HEY.


THIS ISN'T SOME PLAY YOU GUYS ARE PUTTING ON, IS IT?
HEY, WHAT IS THIS, A JOKE?
...THAT'S EVERYTHING.


EVEN HER ACTING'S NOT *THAT* GOOD...
THAT'S TRUE.
SHE DIDN'T REACT TO SEEING YOU AT ALL, OGAKI.


MULTIPLE-PERSONALITY DISORDER?
OR NO, MAYBE SOME KIND OF AMNESIA?
IF THIS THING'S LEGIT... THAT MUST MEAN...
SO...

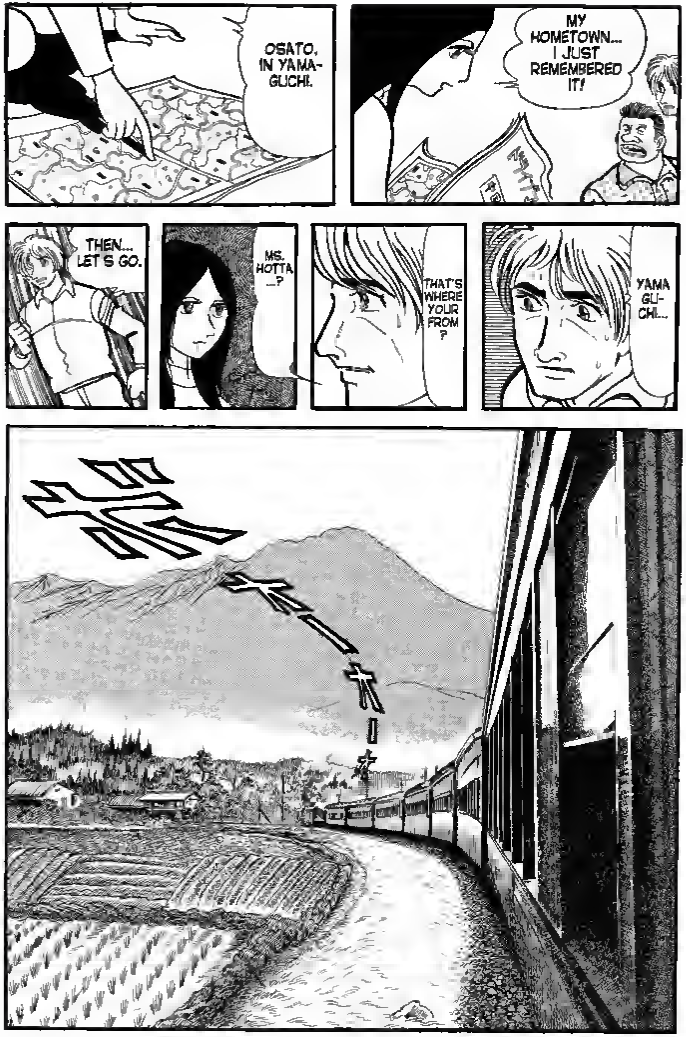
THEN PEOPLE WOULD JUST SHOW UP SOMEWHERE ELSE A YEAR LATER AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED!
REMEMBER THAT TIME THERE WERE ALL THOSE DISAPPEARANCES IN THE NEWS?
AMNESIA?


BUT WHEN THEY COME TO, THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THE WHOLE TIME YOU CAN TELL THEY'VE BEEN GETTING BY SOMEHOW. BUT THEY DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT! THEY WERE JUST A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON

THEN YOU WERE MARRIED AND LIVED THREE YEARS TOGETHER.
AND MET YOU AS YASUE.

BUT SHE LOST HER MEMORY SOMEHOW ...
THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT YASUE REALLY USED TO BE THIS MINAKO GIRL.

EVERYTHING ABOUT YASUE OTANI HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ERASED, FITS, RIGHT?
BUT NOW, HER OLD MEMORY HAS COME BACK AND IN EXCHANGE...
WELL, MAYBE THAT WAS ALL JUST MADE UP!
SHE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT HER CHILDHOOD, PAST, WHEN WE WERE DATING
IT WOULD IF I WASN'T ALREADY SURE ABOUT YASUE'S BACKGROUND! WE MAY NOT KNOW WHERE HER FAMILY IS, BUT...
ARE YOU SAYING YASUE WOULD...
YOU ...!


OSATO, IN YAMAGUCHI.
MY HOMETOWN... I JUST REMEMBERED IT!
THEN... LET'S GO.
MS. HOTTA ...?
THAT'S WHERE YOUR FROM ?
YAMAGUCHI...
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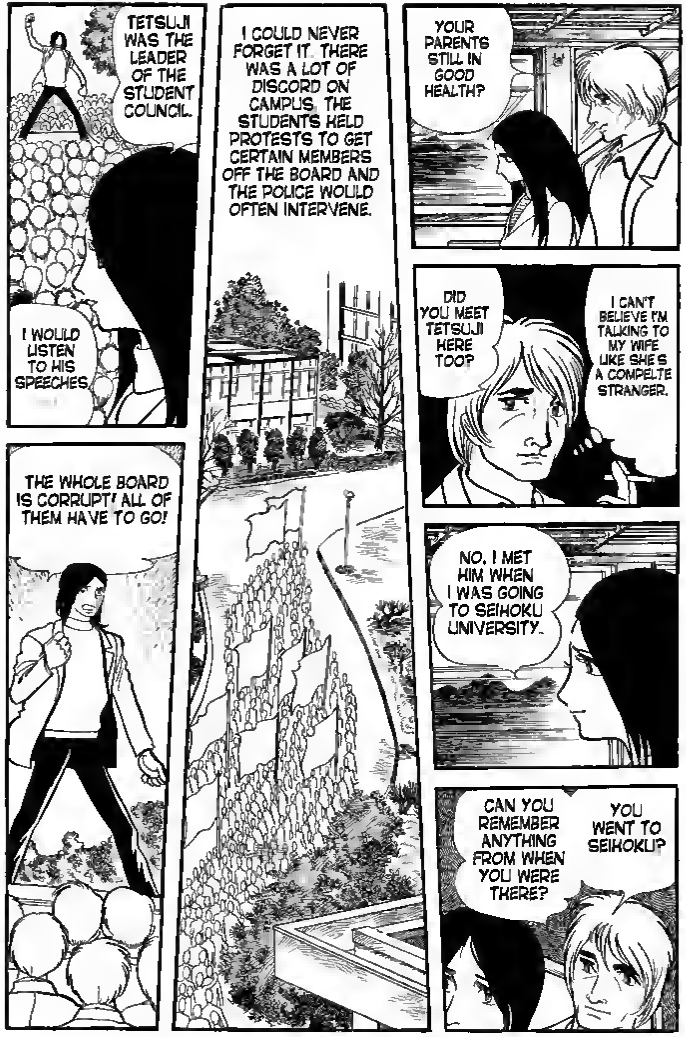
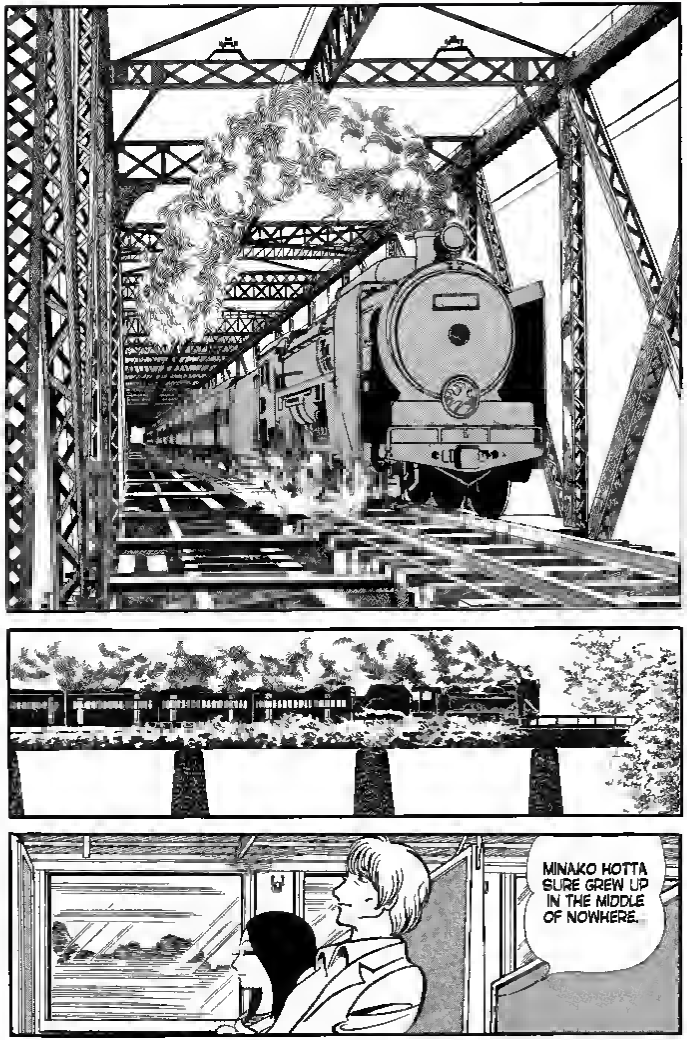
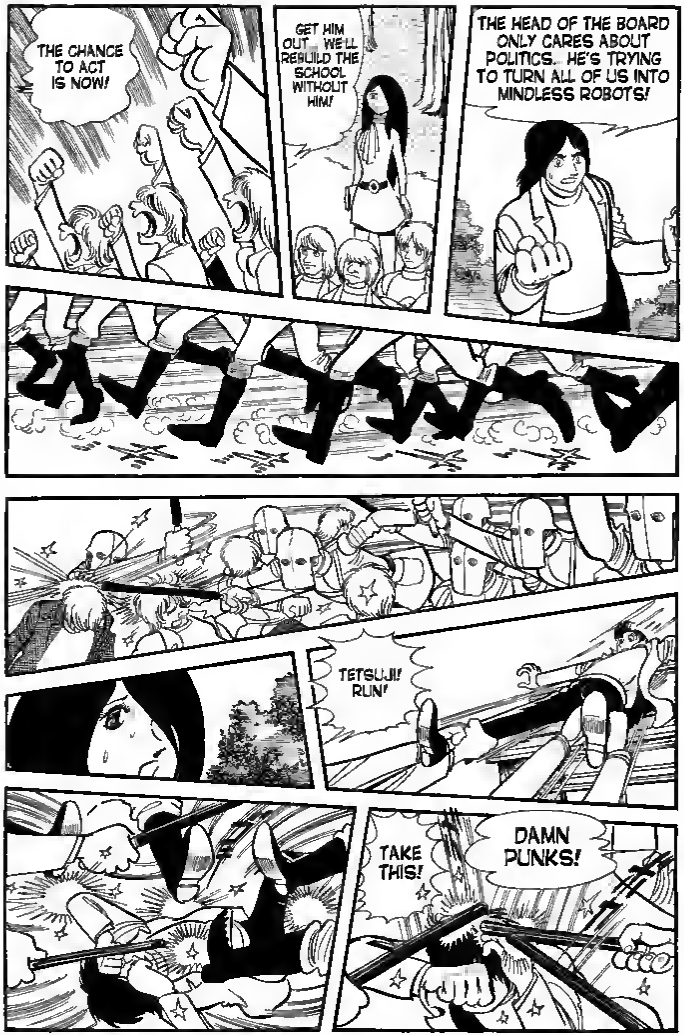
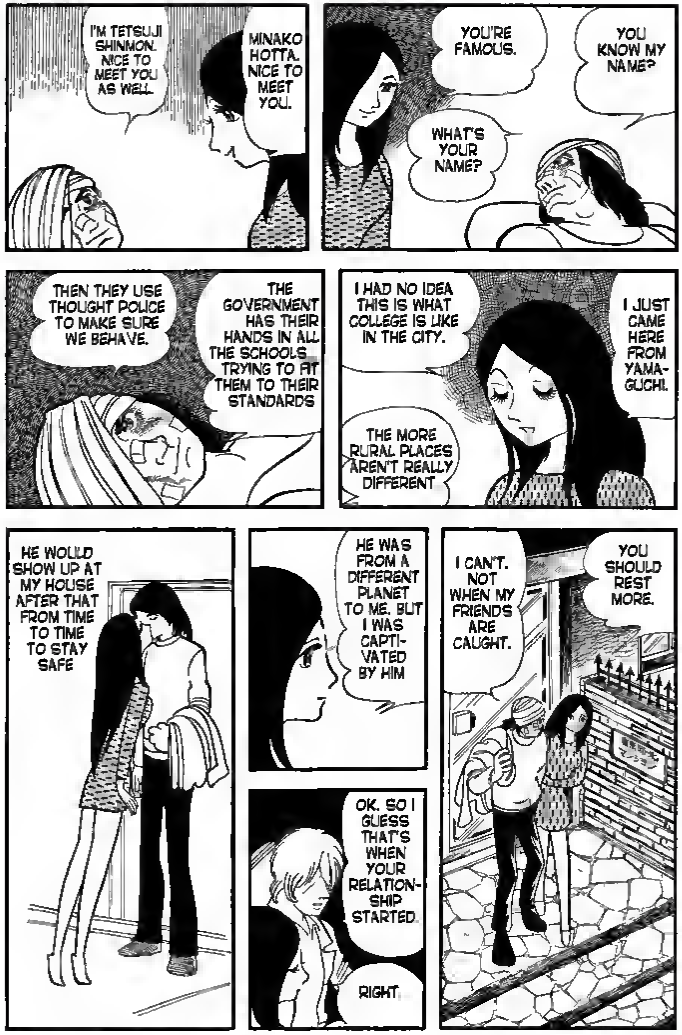

TETSUJI WAS THE LEADER OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
I WOULD LISTEN TO HIS SPEECHES.
I COULD NEVER FORGET IT. THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCORD ON CAMPUS. THE STUDENTS HELD PROTESTS TO GET CERTAIN MEMBERS OFF THE BOARD AND THE POLICE WOULD OFTEN INTERVENE.
THE WHOLE BOARD IS CORRUPT! ALL OF THEM HAVE TO GO!
YOUR PARENTS STILL IN GOOD HEALTH?
DID YOU MEET TETSUJI HERE TOO?
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M TALKING TO MY WIFE LIKE SHE'S A COMPELTE STRANGER.
NO. I MET HIM WHEN I WAS GOING TO SEIHOKU UNIVERSITY.
CAN YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING FROM WHEN YOU WERE THERE?
YOU WENT TO SEIHOKU?


MINAKO HOTTA SURE GREW UP IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.


THE CHANCE TO ACT IS NOW!
GET HIM OUT... WE'LL REBUILD THE SCHOOL WITHOUT HIM!
THE HEAD OF THE BOARD ONLY CARES ABOUT POLITICS.. HE'S TRYING TO TURN ALL OF US INTO MINDLESS ROBOTS!
TETSUJI! RUN!
TAKE THIS!
DAMN PUNKS!

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS! YOU MUST REFRAIN FROM GROUP PROTEST AND ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE SCHOOL! WE CANNOT ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THOSE WHO FAIL TO COMPLY!
DON'T LISTEN.. YOU HAVE TO FIGHT.. YOU CAN'T LET THE SCHOOL HAVE COMPLETE AUTHORITY OVER YOU...!
(WHEEZE)
(COUGH)
(COUGH)


I'M TETSUJI SHINMON. NICE TO MEET YOU AS WELL.
MINAKO HOTTA. NICE TO MEET YOU.
YOU'RE FAMOUS.
YOU KNOW MY NAME?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
THEN THEY USE THOUGHT POLICE TO MAKE SURE WE BEHAVE.
THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEIR HANDS IN ALL THE SCHOOLS TRYING TO FIT THEM TO THEIR STANDARDS
I HAD NO IDEA THIS IS WHAT COLLEGE IS LIKE IN THE CITY.
I JUST CAME HERE FROM YAMAGUCHI.
THE MORE RURAL PLACES AREN'T REALLY DIFFERENT
HE WOULD SHOW UP AT MY HOUSE AFTER THAT FROM TIME TO TIME TO STAY SAFE
HE WAS FROM A DIFFERENT PLANET TO ME. BUT I WAS CAPTIVATED BY HIM
OK. SO I GUESS THAT'S WHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP STARTED.
RIGHT.
I CAN'T. NOT WHEN MY FRIENDS ARE CAUGHT.
YOU SHOULD REST MORE.

WHERE'D THAT LEADER GO...
DID WE GET ALL OF 'EM?
YOU CAN STOP BY HERE ANYTIME YOU NEED TO LAY LOW.
MY APARTMENT IS RIGHT BEHIND CAMPUS.
I WANT TO.
YOU SHOULDN'T ...
AREN'T YOU SCARED, TETSUJI?
BUT THE REAL PROBLEM IS IF THE POLICE KEEP THIS UP... NO ONE WILL COME TO PROTEST ANYMORE...
I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

HOW LONG WAS THIS BEFORE YOU MET ME?
I DID..
DAMMIT .. THAT FAR?
I LOVED HIM.
DID YOU LOVE HIM?
DAMMIT, YASUE...!
I DON'T KNOW YOU.
I'VE NEVER MET YOU
I RE-MEMBER THIS ROAD
NOW WE CAN FIND OUT IF YOU'RE REALLY MINAKO HOTTA.
WE'RE HERE.
TO YOUR "HOME-TOWN"...
おおさと
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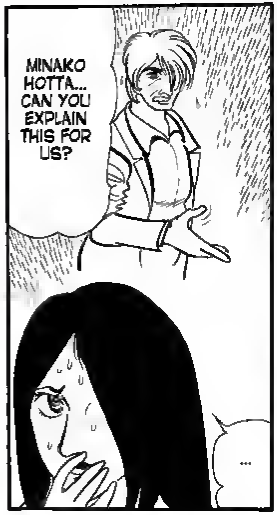
SIGN: OSATO

RIGHT THERE.
MY HOUSE! WE'RE HERE!
MOM? DAD? IT'S ME!
HELLO?
LET'S TRY THE BACK.
NO ONE'S HOME.
HERE!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT USED TO.
IT'S BEEN SO LONG !!

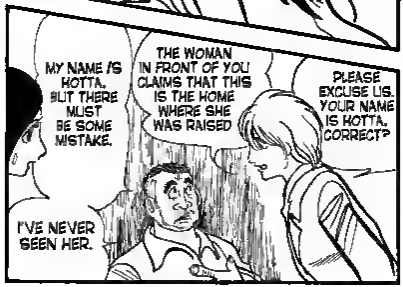
DADDY!!

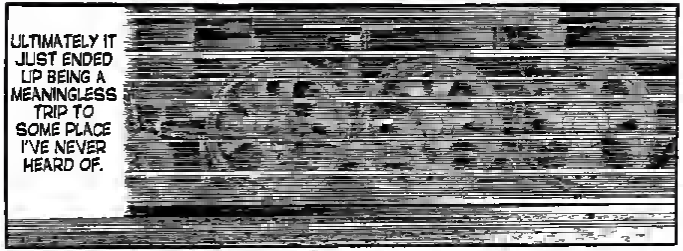
HELLO?

WHO?
HM?
DAD, IT'S ME, MINAKO!

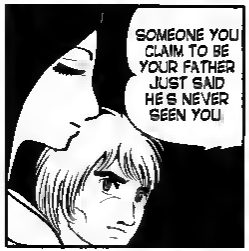

MINAKO HOTTA... CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS FOR US?
...

BUT... I DON'T HAVE A DAUGHTER.
DID YOU FORGET? DAD, IT'S ME!!


MY NAME IS HOTTA, BUT THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER.
THE WOMAN IN FRONT OF YOU CLAIMS THAT THIS IS THE HOME WHERE SHE WAS RAISED
PLEASE EXCUSE US. YOUR NAME IS HOTTA, CORRECT?

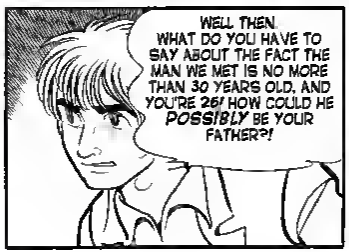

ULTIMATELY IT JUST ENDED UP BEING A MEANINGLESS TRIP TO SOME PLACE I'VE NEVER HEARD OF.

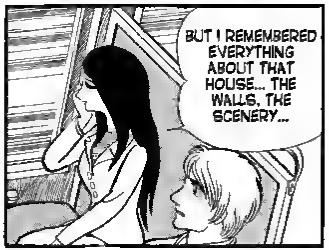
I WAS ANNOYED ABOUT THE WHOLE THING AND I WANTED TO BE ANGRY WITH YASUE... BUT I COULD TELL SHE WAS IRRITATED BY THE MEETING AS WELL.

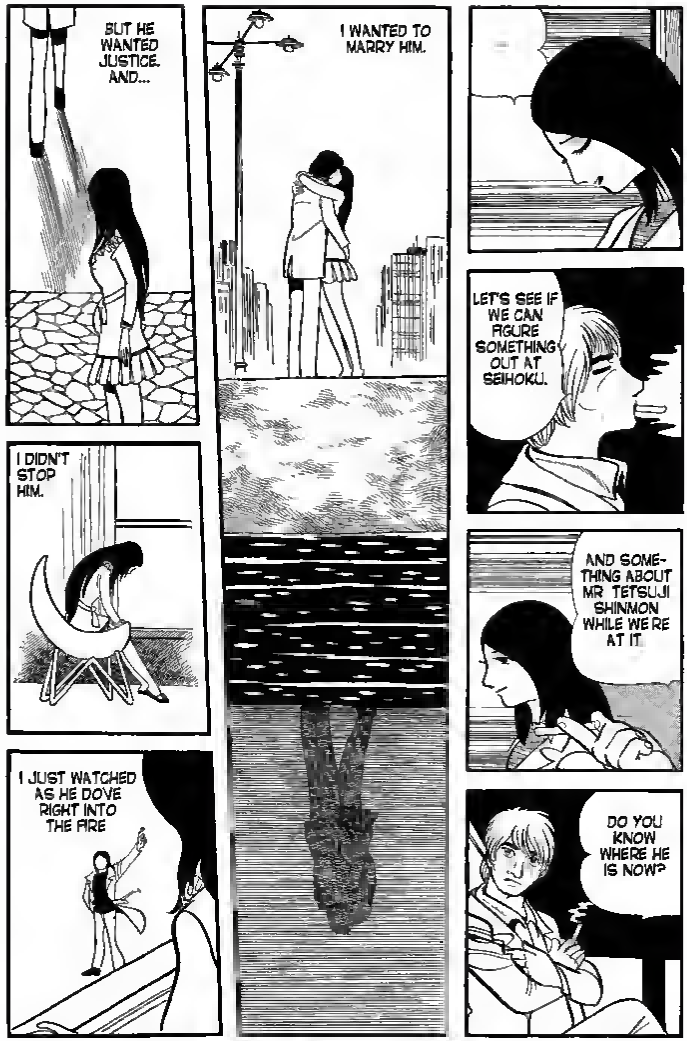

SOMEONE YOU CLAIM TO BE YOUR FATHER JUST SAID HE'S NEVER SEEN YOU

...

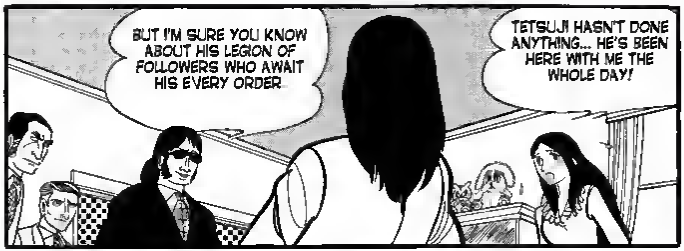
STILL THINK YOU'RE MINAKO?

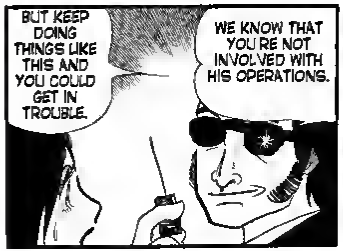

WELL THEN. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE FACT THE MAN WE MET IS NO MORE THAN 30 YEARS OLD, AND YOU'RE 26!? HOW COULD HE *POSSIBLY* BE YOUR FATHER?!

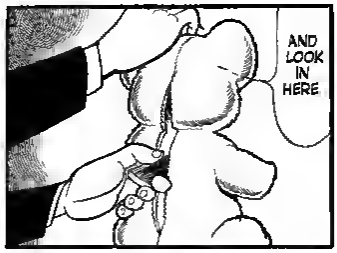

BUT I REMEMBERED EVERYTHING ABOUT THAT HOUSE... THE WALLS, THE SCENERY...


BUT HE WANTED JUSTICE. AND...
I WANTED TO MARRY HIM.
I DIDN'T STOP HIM.
I JUST WATCHED AS HE DOVE RIGHT INTO THE FIRE
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT AT SEIHOKU.
AND SOMETHING ABOUT MR TETSUJI SHINMON WHILE WE'RE AT IT.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW?

WHO KNOWS WHAT I EVER MEANT TO HIM. MAYBE NOTHING MORE THAN A PERIODIC PEACE OF MIND.
IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING
ONE DAY
SHINMON YOU'RE UNDER ARREST DON'T THINK I NEED TO SAY WHY
HERE! HE'S HERE!
HELLO... I NEED TO TALK TO TETSUJI SHINMON ABOUT HIS THESIS...


BUT I'M SURE YOU KNOW ABOUT HIS LEGION OF FOLLOWERS WHO AWAIT HIS EVERY ORDER.
TETSUJI HASN'T DONE ANYTHING... HE'S BEEN HERE WITH ME THE WHOLE DAY!


BUT KEEP DOING THINGS LIKE THIS AND YOU COULD GET IN TROUBLE.
WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED WITH HIS OPERATIONS.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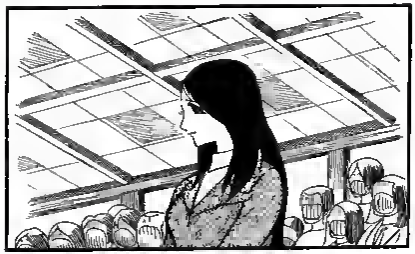

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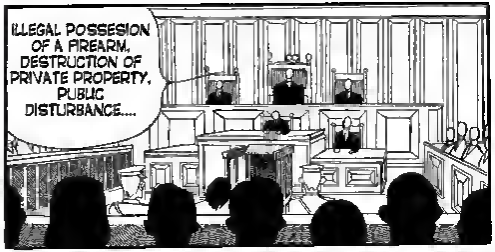
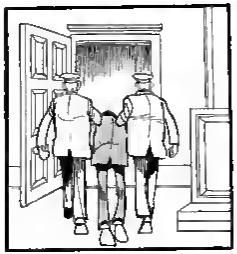
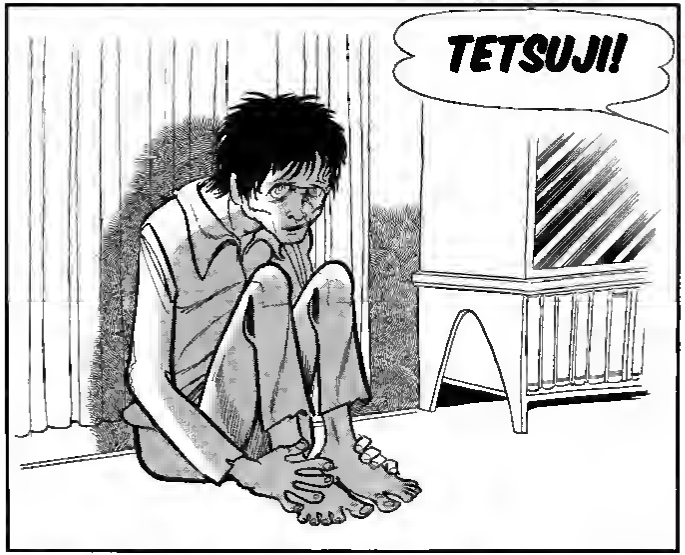
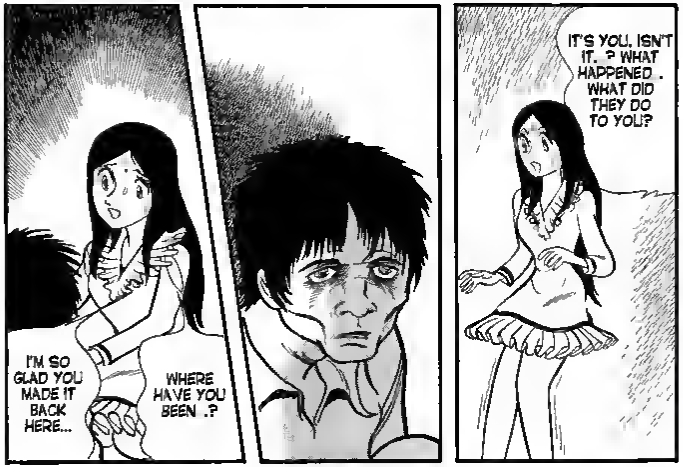
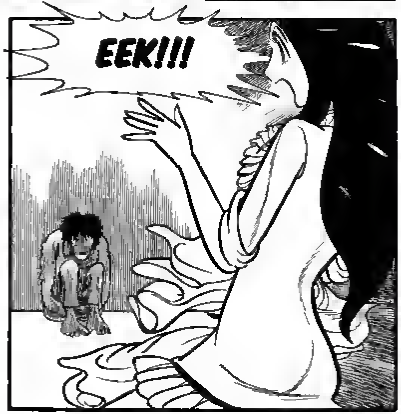

ILLEGAL POSSESION OF A FIREARM, DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, PUBLIC DISTURBANCE....




TETSUJI!


I'M SO GLAD YOU MADE IT BACK HERE...
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN .?
IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT. ? WHAT HAPPENED . WHAT DID THEY DO TO YOU?

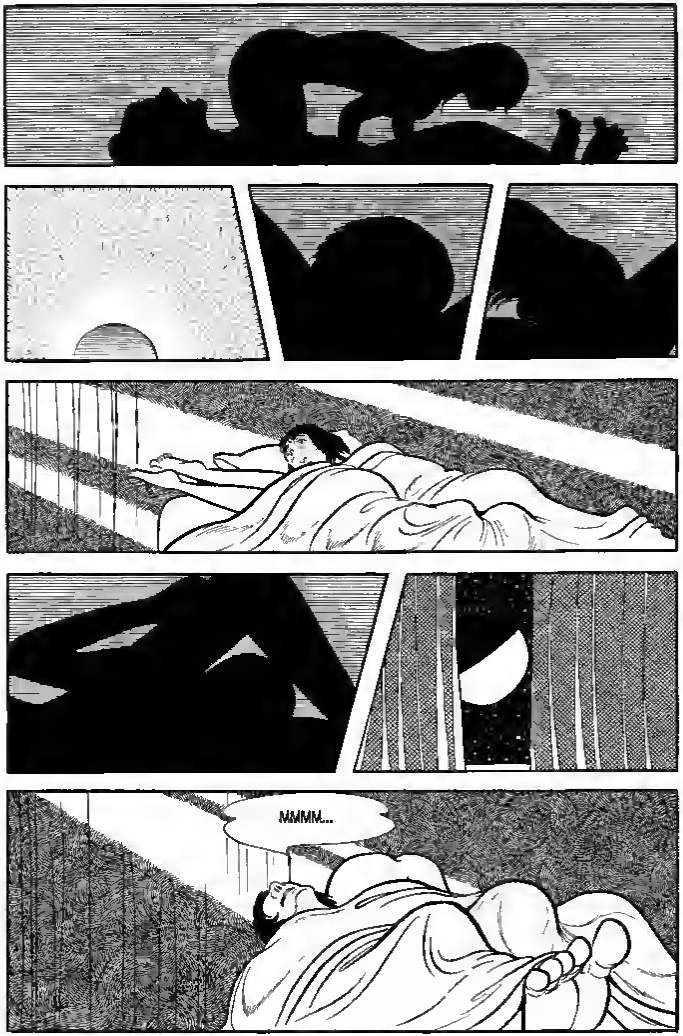
IT WAS THE SUMMER OF MY JUNIOR YEAR.


EEK!!!

I GUESS THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO FIND HIM GUILTY ON SOMETHING... IS THAT THE LAST YOU SAW OF HIM?
I KEPT BELIEVING I'D SEE HIM AGAIN SO I JUST NEVER MOVED OUT OF THAT APARTMENT, WAITING FOR HIM. TWO YEARS WENT BY...

A LIVING CORPSE...
HIS FACE HAD ALMOST BEEN DISTORTED BEYOND RECOGNITION. HE LOOKED LIKE THE EMPTY SHELL OF A SOUL.
THEY SAY THE SEVERITY OF THE TRAINING IS UNTHINKABLE. AND ONCE THEY CAN'T USE YOU ANYMORE THEY JUST THROW YOU AWAY.
WHAT I HEAR IS EVERYONE WHO'S COMMITTED THOUGHT CRIME GETS SENT TO TRAIN IN AN ARMY BASE OUTSIDE OF JAPAN.
IF TETSUJI MADE IT BACK... IT MEANS THEY MUST HAVE WORKED HIM UNTIL HE WAS USELESS.

PRACTICING WRITING HIS NAME.
TETSUJI... I WANT TO DO ALL I CAN TO HELP YOU. JUST TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO..
DO YOU FEEL ANY-THING?
WHAT ABOUT THIS?
TETSUJI...
AH...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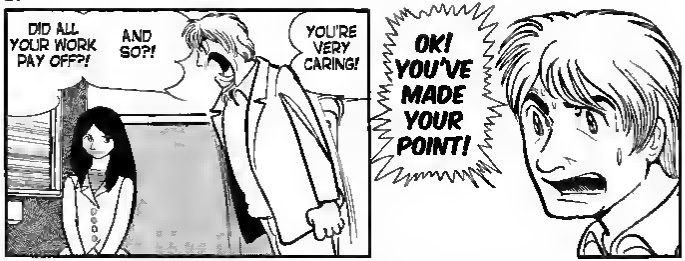
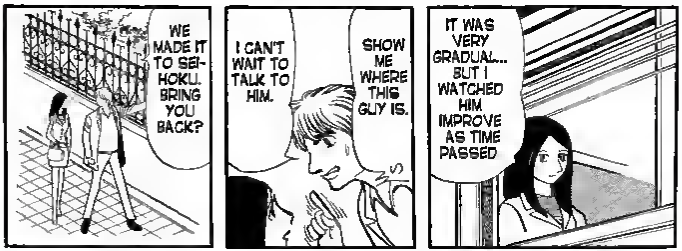
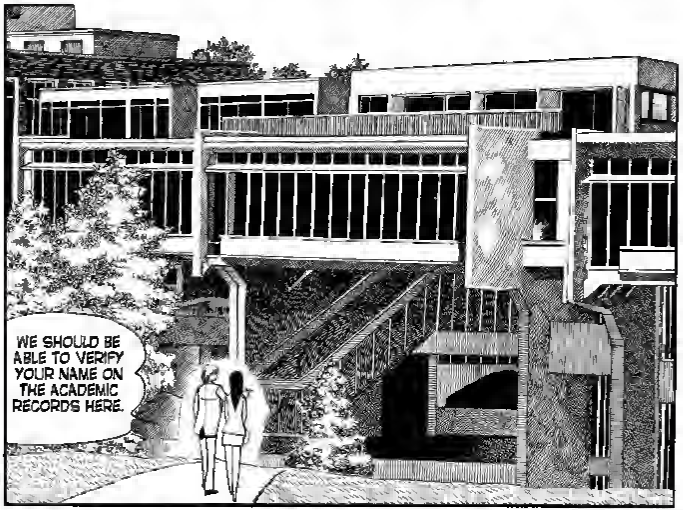
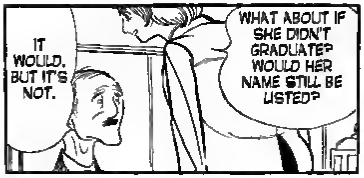
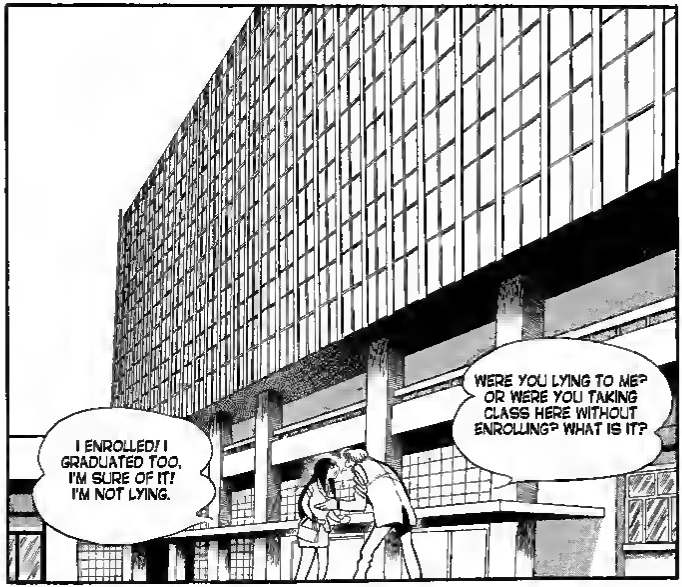

DID ALL YOUR WORK PAY OFF?!
AND SO?!
YOU'RE VERY CARING!
OK! YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT!

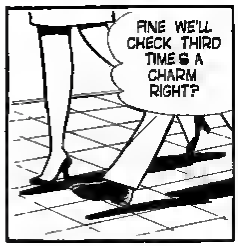

WE MADE IT TO SEI-HOKU. BRING YOU BACK?
I CAN'T WAIT TO TALK TO HIM.
SHOW ME WHERE THIS GUY IS.
IT WAS VERY GRADUAL... BUT I WATCHED HIM IMPROVE AS TIME PASSED


WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO VERIFY YOUR NAME ON THE ACADEMIC RECORDS HERE.


IT WOULD, BUT IT'S NOT.
WHAT ABOUT IF SHE DIDN'T GRADUATE? WOULD HER NAME STILL BE LISTED?

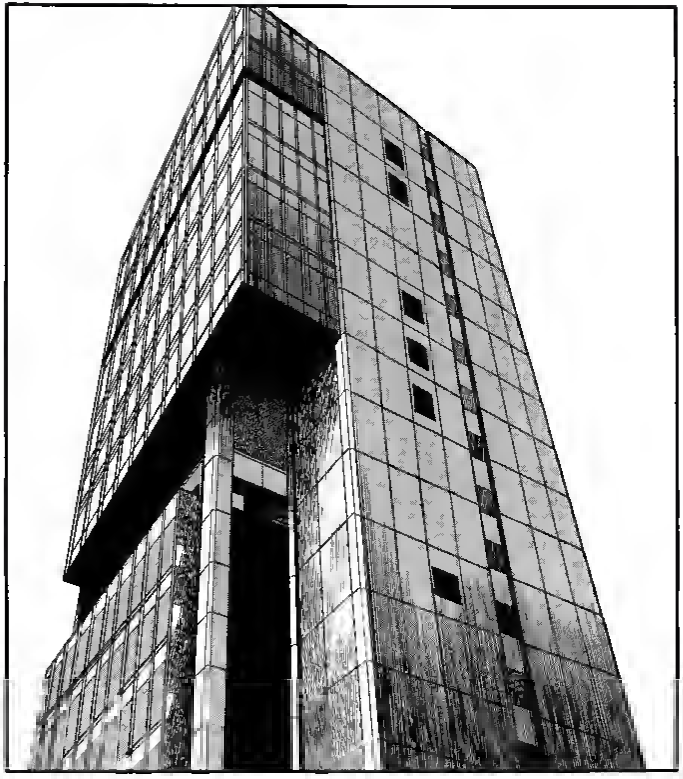
I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO FIND IT.


I ENROLLED! I GRADUATED TOO, I'M SURE OF IT! I'M NOT LYING.
WERE YOU LYING TO ME? OR WERE YOU TAKING CLASS HERE WITHOUT ENROLLING? WHAT IS IT?


FINE. WE'LL CHECK THIRD TIME'S A CHARM RIGHT?

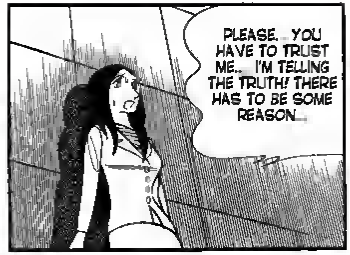
WAIT. WHAT ABOUT MY APART-MENT? IT SHOULD STILL BE THERE!

YOUR WHOLE STORY IS FAKE!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST ADMIT IT. TETSUJI ISN'T REAL.



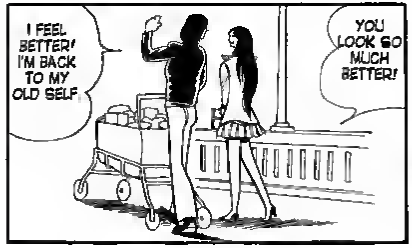
THIS IS JUST SOME OFFICE BUILDING.
IT... IT SHOULD BE RIGHT HERE!

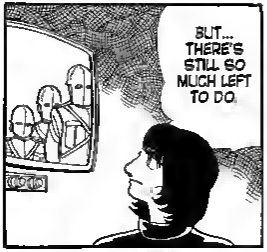
IT'S NOT HERE!
WHERE IS IT?

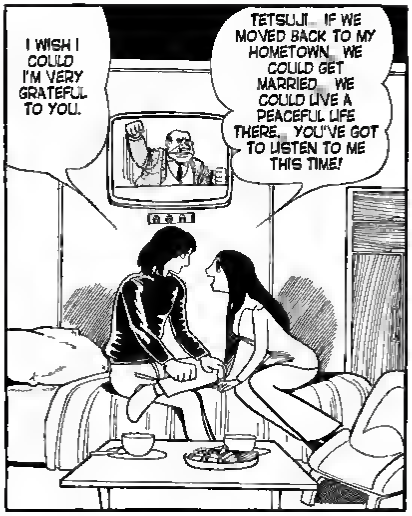

PLEASE... YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME... I'M TELLING THE TRUTH! THERE HAS TO BE SOME REASON...

BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS BUILDING BEFORE. WHY ISN'T MY APARTMENT HERE?

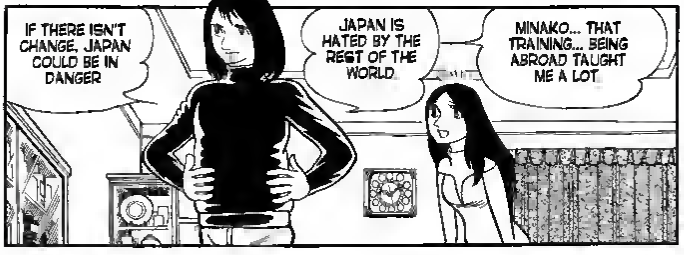
I DOUBT YOU COULD PROVE THAT TETSUJI EXISTS AS WELL.
SORRY, BUT YOU DROVE THE NAILS INTO THE COFFIN. IT'D BE HARD FOR ANYONE TO BELIEVE YOU.

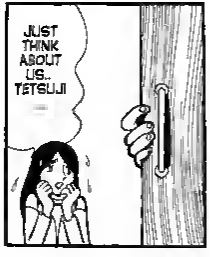

I FEEL BETTER! I'M BACK TO MY OLD SELF.
YOU LOOK SO MUCH BETTER!

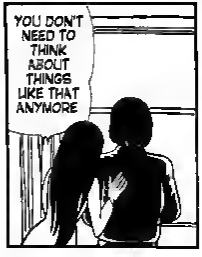

BUT... THERE'S STILL SO MUCH LEFT TO DO.

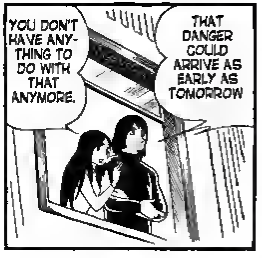

I WISH I COULD I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU.
TETSUJI... IF WE MOVED BACK TO MY HOMETOWN, WE COULD GET MARRIED... WE COULD LIVE A PEACEFUL LIFE THERE... YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME THIS TIME!

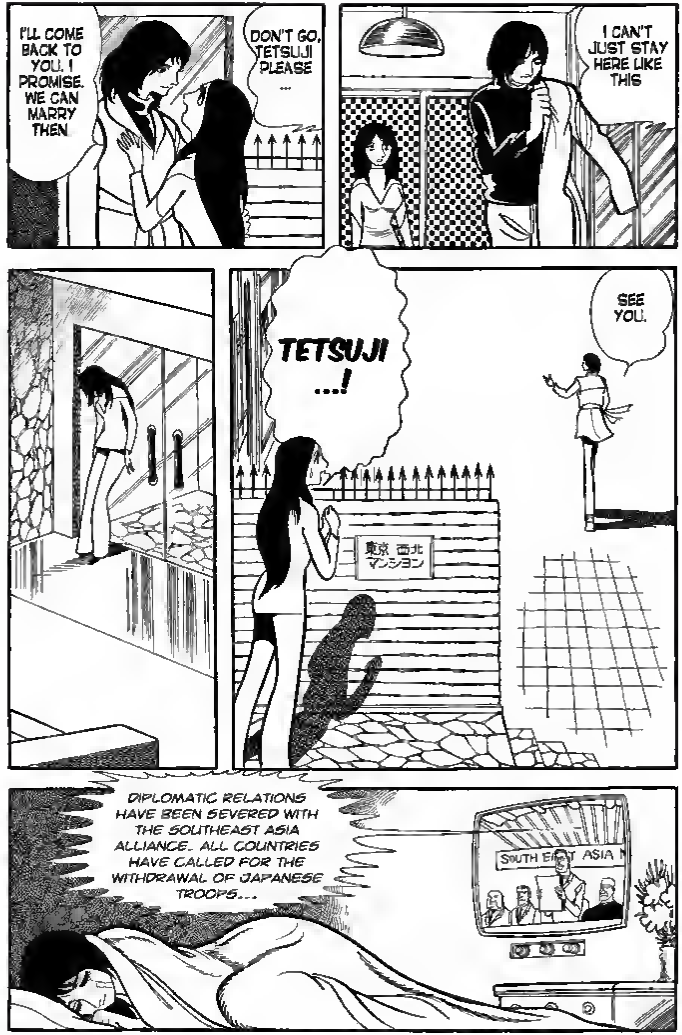
NO !!
YOU CAN'T !!!


IF THERE ISN'T CHANGE, JAPAN COULD BE IN DANGER
JAPAN IS HATED BY THE REST OF THE WORLD.
MINAKO... THAT TRAINING... BEING ABROAD TAUGHT ME A LOT.


JUST THINK ABOUT US.. TETSUJI


YOU DON'T NEED TO THINK ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT ANYMORE


YOU DON'T HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WITH THAT ANYMORE.
THAT DANGER COULD ARRIVE AS EARLY AS TOMORROW


I'LL COME BACK TO YOU. I PROMISE. WE CAN MARRY THEN
DON'T GO, TETSUJI PLEASE ...
I CAN'T JUST STAY HERE LIKE THIS
TETSUJI ...!
SEE YOU.
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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN SEVERED WITH THE SOUTHEAST ASIA ALLIANCE. ALL COUNTRIES HAVE CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE TROOPS...
SOUTH EAST ASIA

TOKYO HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSAFE. ALL RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO FLEE TO NEIGHBORING PREFECTURES IN ORDERLY FASHION.
JAPAN HAS QUICKLY MOVED TO RETALIATION. SEVERAL DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED...
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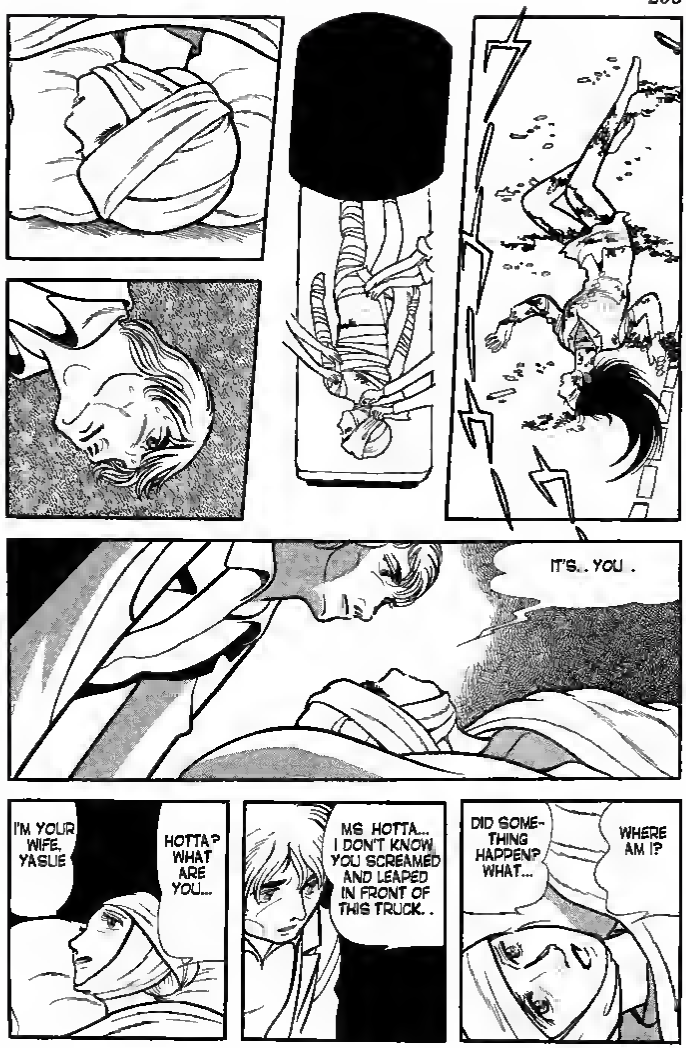
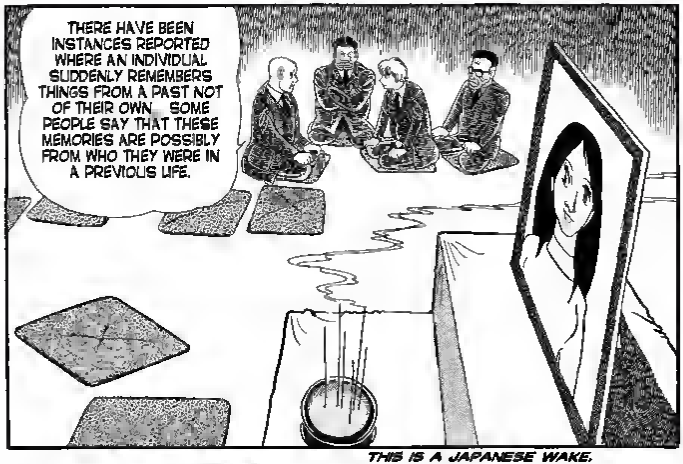
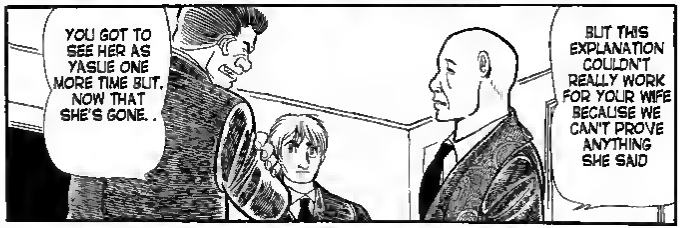
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT ARE..
GET BACK!!!

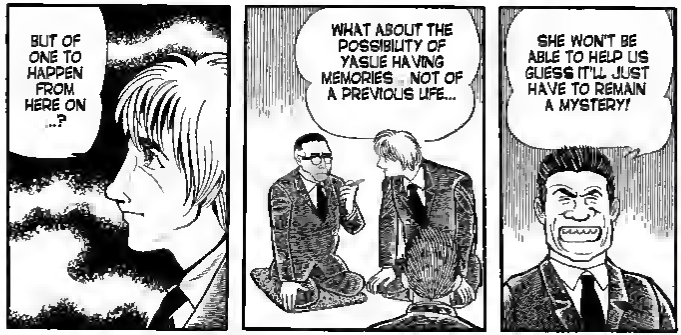

IT'S.. YOU .
WHERE AM I?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? WHAT...
MS. HOTTA... I DON'T KNOW. YOU SCREAMED AND LEAPED IN FRONT OF THIS TRUCK. .
HOTTA? WHAT ARE YOU...
I'M YOUR WIFE, YASUE

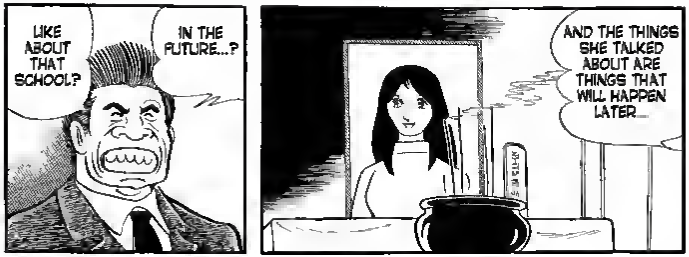
YASUE ...!
DO YOU REALLY RECOGNIZE ME?
DID YOU JUST SAY YOU'RE YASUE?!
AND YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF MINAKO HOTTA?
NOT AT ALL?
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE BACK.
LET'S CALL HIM TETSUJI.
TETSUJI. THAT'S A VERY GOOD NAME.
HMMM... WELL..
HOW ABOUT TETSUJI ?
HE'S RIGHT HERE! HIS NAME IS
DID YOU THINK OF HIS NAME?
WHERE'S MY BABY? OUR BABY...

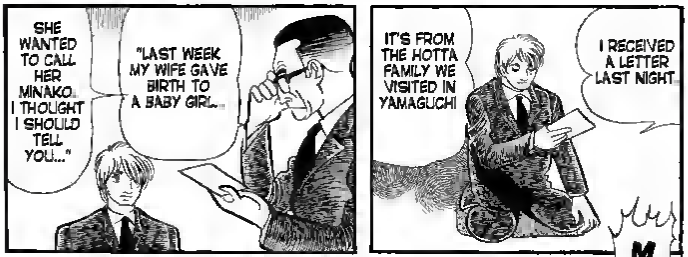

THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES REPORTED WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL SUDDENLY REMEMBERS THINGS FROM A PAST NOT OF THEIR OWN. SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THESE MEMORIES ARE POSSIBLY FROM WHO THEY WERE IN A PREVIOUS LIFE.

THIS IS A JAPANESE WAKE.


YOU GOT TO SEE HER AS YASUE ONE MORE TIME BUT. NOW THAT SHE'S GONE. .
BUT THIS EXPLANATION COULDN'T REALLY WORK FOR YOUR WIFE BECAUSE WE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING SHE SAID


BUT OF ONE TO HAPPEN FROM HERE ON ...?
WHAT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF YASUE HAVING MEMORIES ... NOT OF A PREVIOUS LIFE...
SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP US GUESS IT'LL JUST HAVE TO REMAIN A MYSTERY!




SHE WANTED TO CALL HER MINAKO. I THOUGHT I SHOULD TELL YOU..."
"LAST WEEK MY WIFE GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY GIRL...
IT'S FROM THE HOTTA FAMILY WE VISITED IN YAMAGUCHI
I RECEIVED A LETTER LAST NIGHT

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